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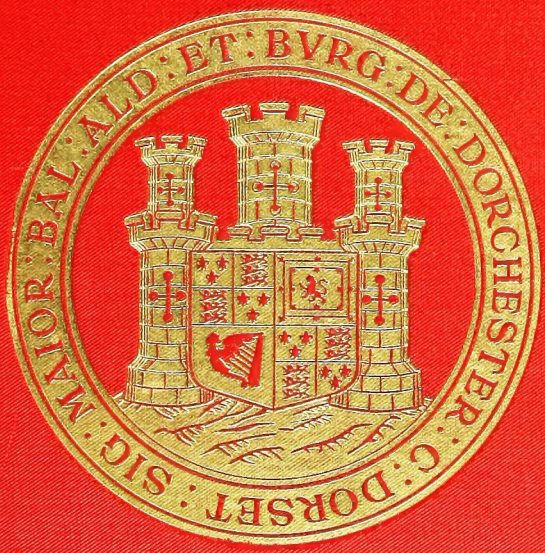

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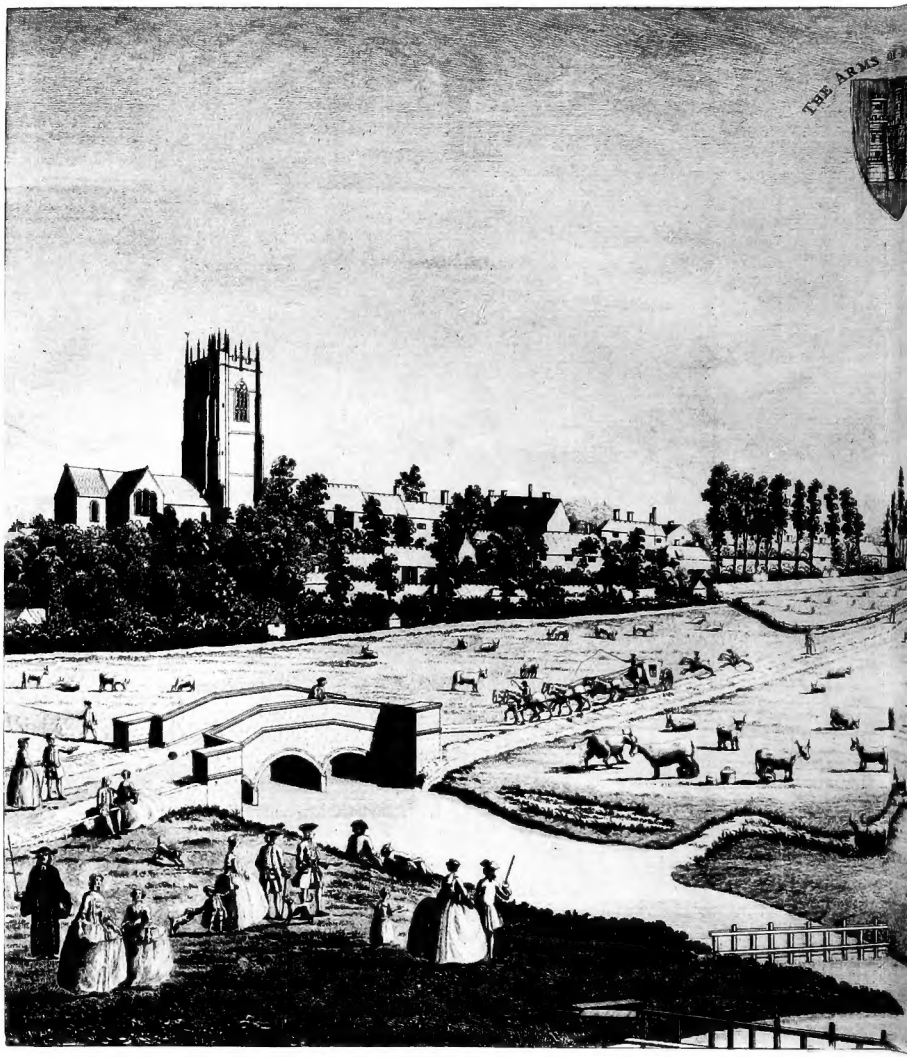

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PREFACE.

The readers of this book may consider that a few words of explanation of the circumstances under which the following pages came into existence will not be out of place.

When on a visit more than twenty years ago to Dorchester, the old home of my ancestors, I had the good fortune to meet the Rev. Henry Everett, then Rector of Holy Trinity, and through his kind introduction became acquainted with Mr. Henry Joseph Moule, with whom I subsequently entered into frequent correspondence concerning the Dorchester Municipal Records, and through whom I learned that the Corporation had deemed it wise to cause transcripts to be made of their valuable Charters and other documents, together with copious extracts from the Minute Books, and that Canon Mayo had undertaken the work on their behalf.

Stowed away in wooden boxes in the cellars of the Town Hall were documents showing those signs of decay which result from long retention in a too moist atmosphere—a mass of parchments, papers, etc., precious records of great interest—the Charters, Minute Books and other writings of the Corporation.

On the examination and transcription of these documents Canon Mayo expended much care and time, bringing his arduous task to completion in 1900.

The sight of the formidable pile of transcripts thus accumulated, a privilege afforded me through the courtesy of the Town Clerk, Mr. Arthur G. Symonds, led forcibly to the reflection that their loss by fire would be calamitous, while the destruction of the originals would mean the irrevocable obliteration of the early history of the Borough.

After waiting more than six years, during which time no steps were taken by the Town Authorites in the direction of printing, my anxiety that the work already done should not be fruitless induced me to agitate afresh.

Frequent letters passed between the Town Clerk, Mr. Moule and myself, and I urged that the Corporation should print and publish these records, but without effect.

On the death of Mr. Moule in 1904 I realised that I had lost a keen and interested supporter, but, unwilling to give in, I obtained the co-operation of Canon Mayo in an application to the Corporation for permission to bring out the work by private subscription, an appeal to which the Corporation, though unable to contribute financial aid, at length acceded in July, 1906, Canon Mayo undertaking to act as Editor.

A prospectus was then issued, and although circulated with a covering letter among some fifteen hundred persons, the response represented a promise of forty subscribers—a result eminently disappointing and discouraging.

By accident about this time I chanced on an account of Beethoven's endeavour to obtain the publication of his Mass in D Major; the record of his uphill experiences only inspired me to further effort, and I devoted many hours daily for several months to a canvas of friends and acquaintances, antiquarian societies and literary institutions in the United Kingdom, succeeding in the end in augmenting my subscribers by about sixty.

The expense of producing the Municipal Records of Dorchester in a form worthy of the traditions of this ancient and honourable Town far exceeds, it is scarcely necessary to say, the amount at present subscribed, and any deficiency will fall on myself and Canon Mayo.

It is, however, a great pleasure to us both to see the work at last brought to a successful issue, and we indulge in the hope that the result will commend itself to the kindly judgment of the reader, who will find therein, not indeed a complete history of the County Town, which it is not the aim of this volume to supply, but the materials with the help of which such a history may be composed.

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THE INTRODUCTION.

The steps which have led to the production of this book have already been adequately described by Mr. A. W. Gould, who has devoted much time and attention to securing the present result, and they need not now be further dealt with. Some words of introduction are, however, required for the information of the reader.

Dorchester, the shire town of the County of Dorset, besides the associations it cherishes with the Roman occupation of Britain, and even with a past far more remote, is fortunate in the possession of a series of Charters, dating from the reign of Edward I., of a register of Conveyances and Devises of lands and burgages within its boundaries called "Domesday," beginning in 1395, and of a large number of Account and Minute Books, from which many interesting particulars may be gathered, bearing upon the life of the townsmen in their social, religious and trading relations.* These are enumerated in the preceding Calendar or Catalogue, based upon the hand-list drawn up in 1886 by the late Mr. H. J. Moule, and are fully described in the body of this book. Of their value the reader of this work will be able to form an

* Considerations of space and of the limited pecuniary support received have rendered it impossible to print the Royal Charters of the Borough, and the Deeds enrolled in the "Domesday," *both* in the original Latin *and* in an English translation. The course here adopted has been to print the former class of documents in their original form, with an abstract of their contents in English,—and to present the latter, in which the same formula constantly recurs, in an English abstract only, which, however, comprises all the local and personal names the Deeds contain, and the boundaries as therein described. To have inserted both originals and translations would have doubled the bulk of the book, without adding any material of value. The Bye-laws in the "Domesday" have, however, been given in full, as well as various other documents occurring elsewhere. It is obvious that to print the Minute Books in their entirety would have been impracticable, but copious extracts will be found in the following pages, grouped under convenient headings.

accurate judgment, and it will be sufficient here to sketch briefly the corporate development of the Town, and then to set forth, in some detail, the topography of Dorchester as therein illustrated.

The Corporate Development of Dorchester.

Dorchester was a Royal Borough, and in the time of Edward the Confessor contained 172 houses, with two moneyers, as compared with the 257 houses and three moneyers of Shaftesbury. At the Domesday Survey only 88 houses remained, owing either to dissentions between the English and Norman Burgesses, the malfeasance of the Sheriff, Hugh Fitz Grip, or other unknown cause. The town had gelded for 10 hides, and the resulting payment had been commuted at one mark for the use of the "Huscarls," and in addition it discharged the burden of *firma unius noctis*.

By degrees Dorchester must have recovered its prosperity, and between 1221 and 1337 the farm of the vill varied between £16 and £20, paid by the men of the Borough or some other grantee (p. 5), and the grant by Edward I. to the men of Dorset (A.D. 1305) of permission to erect a prison at Dorchester, in preference to any other town in the County, is itself a recognition of the leading position it then held. It is not, however, possible to determine the precise moment when municipal life began. Two Bailiffs, however (elected, probably from their first appearance, at the Court Leet of the Town), are named as grantees, together with the Burgesses, of the custody of the Borough in 1324, for which a rent of £20 was paid. This grant was made perpetual by Edward III. in 1337, after it had been ascertained by the Sheriff of Dorset that it would not be to the King's damage to grant the Borough to the townsmen at the rent aforesaid. At this time, besides the rents of assize, the assize of bread and beer, and perquisites of Courts, the grant comprised Fairs at the festivals of Holy Trinity, the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and St. James, Markets on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and the right of Weighing twelve miles about the Borough (p. 5). In this manner the town obtained the liberty of controlling its internal discipline, subject to the general law, in return for an annual money payment to the Crown. See the Bye-laws printed at page 104.

Matters thus continued, with confirmations in successive

reigns, until 1484, when Richard III. not only confirmed the privileges which the Burgesses already possessed in general terms, but added express mention of relief from various tolls and other payments, freedom from the jurisdiction of Admiral, Escheator, Sheriff, Coroner or Bailiff, with power to appoint their own Clerk of the Market, Coroner and Constables, and providing that all personal actions, not exceeding the sum of 40*s*., should be impleaded in the Court of the Steward of the Borough (p. 27).

Henry VIII. in 1535 granted that Gaol Deliveries within the County should henceforth be held in Dorchester only, as previously accustomed. This was confirmed by Elizabeth in 1559, who at the same time conferred the right of holding a three days' Fair at Candlemas (p. 35).

With the reign of James I. came the first formal Charter of Incorporation, dated 26th June, 1610, which confirmed the office of the Bailiffs, created a Common Council of fifteen Capital Burgesses, a Court of Record and Recorder, and gave the position of Justice of Peace to the Recorder, the Bailiffs for the time being and their immediate predecessors in office (p. 41). These privileges were amplified by Charles I. in 1629 by the grant of the various particulars enumerated at p. 56, and from henceforth the governing body consisted of a Mayor, two Bailiffs, six Aldermen and six other Burgesses, in all fifteen in number, ranking as Capital Burgesses. Thus the office of Mayor, which appears at Exeter so early as 1206, when it superseded the Portreeve or Bailiff, is not found at Dorchester until upwards of 400 years later. At both the Bailiffs were still maintained as subordinate to the Mayor, and their office formed part of the style or title of the Corporation. By Charles's Charter the inhabitants of Dorchester were also made a Body Corporate by the name of the Governor, Assistants and Freemen of the Borough of Dorchester. This latter provision, by strengthening the restrictive action of the Town as a close and exclusive trading community, must have had considerable effect in arresting its growth and development. But long before the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act it had outgrown these trammels, which then ceased to exist.

The history of Dorchester, like that of other corporate towns, thus illustrates the rise of municipal activity, independent of the Crown or other manorial lord, the gradual concentration of power in the hands of a governing oligarchy,

and at the same time the growth of an exclusive trading spirit within the general body of the freemen or commonalty as against outsiders, "foreigners" as they were termed, and the final dissolution of the old system in the presence of the reforming spirit of the nineteenth century.*

The Topography of Old Dorchester.

The deeds enrolled in the Dorchester Domesday disclose many particulars bearing upon the topography of the Town at the period to which they refer. These are here collected, references being given to the documents quoted by the special numeration assigned to them. To these have been also added some notes drawn from documents of a later date. Further references may be obtained by consulting the Index.

The Castle.

An allusion to the ancient Castle of Dorchester occurs in the phrase which appears in Charters 77 and 133 (A.D. 1401 and 1403), where a burgage is said to be situated *juxta castrum fratrum minorum,* into whose hands it had passed.

The name may be traced to much later dates, *e.g.*, in a lease of 20th October, 30 Elizabeth, to Elioner Avyne, C. 14. In another lease of 19th November, 1708, a messuage on north side of Pease Lane or Sheep Lane in St. Peter's parish, is bounded on the north by land of the Duke of Newcastle, called the Castle, B. 65. The close called "the Castle" is frequently mentioned as a boundary, *e.g.*, 11th July, 1755, B. 15, and 17th January, 1796. B. 65.

On 31st August, 1775, it is "ordered that a wall of stone and brick be immediately built between the Castle and the garden belonging to the house late in the occupation of John Fone, now in hand." C. 27.

* The Town of Dorchester, in its corporate capacity, has no Coat of Arms, but is possessed of Seals bearing a castle triple-towered, charged in the base with the Royal Arms. *See* p. 38. Some controversy has arisen regarding the precise form the Royal Arms should take on the Town Seal, and as Dorchester was held of the King by the annual payment of a fee farm rent, it seems reasonable that the arms, placed, in this position, should vary with those of the reigning Sovereign. Had Dorchester been possessed of a Coat of its own, the Arms borne by the Town, whatever they were, would not be subject to variation.

The Town Walls.

William Bradeston, in the first Charter enrolled in the Domesday, conveys a burgage on the east side of South Street, bounded on its southern extremity by the *muros communitatis ville* (1).

1668, July 2. "This day Mr. Major, Mr. Arthur Gould and Mr. Joseph Seward, two other of the Capitall Burgesses of this Borough going vp to the west end of the towne about the disposall of the watch howse there, built in the tyme of the late siknes, were informed by John Gilbert of a parcell of the old towne wall that was then beateing downe by Mr. John Churchill in the West Walles, he declareing that it was pitty that parte of soe ancient a monument of the towne should be demolished; wherevppon they went and fownd one Brine and Mathew Traske beateing downe parte of the wall, which they said they did by the appoyntment of Mr. Churchill, and therevppon they forbidd them to proceed therein. And afterwards Mr. Churchill met Mr. Major and the two other Burgesses and said that the wall was his, and not the townes, and that in case he could not get men out of the towne to pull downe the wall, he would gett some out of Forthington. Mr. Major this afternoone desired the Company and some other of the neighborhood to view the place, and the wall doth conteyne about thirty-five foote and halfe and three inches in length, and the breadth of the wall is about six foot without the dropping of the howseing adjoyning to the wall, there being present at the viewing thereof of the Capitall Burgesses, William Pitt, Major, Arthur Gould, Hugh Baker, Robert Napper, Joseph Seward, Gilbert Whiffen. C. 15.

The West Walls.

Peter Blount grants to William Ayssh two acres of arable land in Dorchester, *jacentes in les West Walles*, which were lately William Hamond's (63).

This parcel of land is again mentioned in the Will of William Ayssh, as *jacentes in West Wall' de Dorchestre* (262).

John Morton, clerk, John Jurdan of Wolveton, and Robert Mose convey two acres of arable land, *prout jacent in les West Wall' de Dorchestre* (367).

Juxta campum de West Wallys describes the position of "A Dayne," situate on the west side of South Street. There were gardens of Robert Childecombe and the Abbot of Middleton adjoining (489).

The *muri occidentales burgi* are named as the western boundary of certain messuages, and seven acres of land lying within the west walls of the Borough are conveyed by 662.

Robert Williams, Esq., grants a burgage in the parish of Holy Trinity on the south side of High West Street, bounded on the south by the West Walls of the Borough (666).

Roger Abyndon, *alias* Knyghte, conveys two burgages, also in the parish of Holy Trinity, and on the south side of High West Street, the West Walls forming the southern boundary (673).

In the Byelaws of the Town (A.D. 1414) there is a restriction laid upon the use of the East and West Wallys from the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the feast of her Nativity, during which time the burgesses or residents are not to place stock *in separali de les Est Wallys et West Wallys ut in communi*. In this byelaw, as well as in most of the preceding references, "West Walls" serves as the name of a portion of land.

The East Walls.

The same remark applies to the East Walls.

The executors of John Syward, sen., convey the curtilage of a burgage on the east side of South Street, which extends towards the north as far as Durnelane, and towards the south *usque terram arabilem de les Estwalles* (126). The same curtilage is conveyed in 324 and 344.

John Estafeld and Joan his wife grant their curtilage, lying on the east side of South Street, *versus campum de Estewall' inter gardinum Henrici Prest ex parte australi et viam aque Communitatis ex parte boriali et gardinum Rogeri Cowke et gardinum Alicie Greynlyf ex parte occidentali, et terram Communitatis ex parte orientali* (210).

John Wroxale grants four acres of arable land in one piece of land, *in la Est Walles infra libertatem ville predicte* (227).

"WHEREAS wee, the Burgesses of the Burroughe towne of Dorchester in the Countye of Dorset, beinge indebted vnto Mathew Chubb of Dorchester aforesaide in the somme of one hundred and fiftye poundes for the debt of the saide towne and for the paymente thereof, haue made a lease by our writinge bearinge date the tenth daye of October, in the eighte and thirteth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne ladye Elizabeth, vnto John Watts and William Golsey, whoe have vndertaken and geuen securitye for the

paymente of the saide somme and our bonde deliuered vpp cancelled, of all tharrable lande commonlye called the towne lande within the west and east walles in Dorchester aforesaide, and all the east greene walles on the west parte of the gallowes there, for terme of threescore yeares from the feaste of St. Michaell th'archaungell last past, with free power and authoritye to inclose, deuide, take in, wall, seuer or hedge the same, as to them or theire assignes shoulde bee thought good; and whereas the saide John Watts and William Golsey, for the raisinge, makinge vpp and better paymente of the saide some of one hundred and fiftye poundes, haue parcelled out the same grounds vnto seuerall persons, namelye to Roberte Colson, John Yeat, Richarde Barker, John Goulde and to William Adin, and haue reserued some parte thereof to themselves, as by the seuerall grauntes thereof bearinge date with theise presents graunted in the name of the Burgesses, vnder theire common seale, appeareth, which seuerall persons, and the saide John Watts and William Golsey and others, namelye the parson of the holye Trenitye in Dorchester aforesaide the saide William Adin and James Goulde of Dorchester aforesaide, beinge freeholders and havinge lande within the same walles, doe purpose seuerallie to deuide, inclose, walle, hedge, ditche and seuer theire seuerall grounds to each of them belonginge; WEE THE SAIDE Burgesses and the freeholders aboue named, for the better confirmacion thereof to avoide future quarrels, braules, ambiguityes or questions that hereafter shall or maye arrise, bee stirred or moued touchinge the saide inclosures, takinge in, deuidinge or seuerannce of the saide groundes or anie parte thereof by any Burgesse or freeholder within this towne att any tyme hereafter, doe by this our presente writinge make yt knowen to all posteritye hereafter, that wee the saide Burgesses for us and our successors foreuer, and the saide freeholders for them and theire heires and successors foreuer, haue geuen and graunted and by this our presente writinge doe geue and graunte our and euerye our full, whole and absolute consente, assente, powers, authorityes, agreements and good likings, That the saide arrable groundes and greene walles aforesaide and euerye parte thereof bee enclosed, taken in, seuered, deuided, walled, hedged, ditched and planted by the saide freeholders, the saide John Watts, William Golsey, Roberte Colson, John Yeat, Richard Barker and John Goulde, and by euerye or anie of them and by thexecutors, administrators or assignes of them or anie of them, when they or anie of them shall thinke good and the same soe deuided, seuered or taken in to remayne and contynew foreuer withowt the laufull lett, troble, vexacion or ympedimente of the saide Burgesses or theire successors, or of the saide freeholders theire heires or successors or anie of them, or of anie other person or persons laufullye clayminge or pretendinge anie laufull estate, righte, title, or interest from, by or vnder them or anie of them, anie lawe, order, vsage, prescripcion or custom to the contrarye notwithstandinge. IN WITNES whereof aswell the saide Burgesses have sette [to] theise presents theire common seale, as the saide freeholders theire hands and seales, the thirteth daye of November in the nyne and thirteth yeare of the raigne of our soueraigne ladye Elizabeth, the Queenes Ma'tie that now ys, 1596."

No signatures. The seal is gone.

"Md. that I the within named Mathew Chubbe, the first day of December in the yeer within writen, doe acknowledg my selfe to bee fully paid of the whole some of CL*li.* within mencioned. Per me, Mathew Chubbe."

Endorsed, "For divyding the Walls." B. 10.

North Gate.

This gate is rarely mentioned independently, but it frequently occurs in the phrase "the lane which leads towards the North Gate" (45), or *vicus qui ducit versus le Northgate* (276).

William Ayssh bequeaths a close in North Street next the North Gate, *unum clausum in vico boriali juxta portam borialem* (262).

John Almer and Alice his wife convey to William Fyssher of Pudelton their burgage, *quod situm est ad portam borialem ejusdem ville ex parte orientali vici ibidem* (483).

South Gate.

Thomas Rycheman, *alias* Belhous, conveys to his son and daughter-in-law a burgage with curtilage at the South Gate in South Street, *ad portam australem in vico australi ejusdem Burgi ex parte occidentali ejusdem vici inter metas d'ni de Fordyngton ex parte australi et burgagium Johannis Bomyl de Dorchestre ex parte boriali* (93),

East Gate.

Alice Wyther, widow, grants to William Assh and Alienor, his wife, her tenement in the Borough of Dorchester, *juxta portam orientalem* (49).

In 207, the High Street which leads to the East Gate, *alta strata que ducit ad portam orientalem*, is mentioned as a boundary. William Ayssh bequeaths a shop at East Gate, *quedam shoppa ad portam orientalem* (262). It also forms part of a personal appellation. William Ayssh grants a tenement on the west of a lane leading from East Street towards la Durnegate, between the tenement of Robert Sturey on the south, and *tenementum Johannis Jurdan atteystegate* on the north (187).

John Jurdan, who releases all right in a burgage in Dorchester to Joan Grygori, is termed "atteysteyate" in 221.

West Gate.

William Walyssh bequeaths to his wife a tenement situate *in occidentali vico prope portam ex parte boriali ejusdem vici* (205).

Reginald Jacob bequeaths his tenement with dove-house annexed, *situatum ad portam occidentalem* (383).

Durnegate.

This name is of very frequent occurrence in the phrase, "the lane which leads towards la Durnegate."*

It is found mentioned independently in the grant of a burgage by Richard and Ema Burgeis, *situatum juxta la Durnegate* (143), and in a further grant of the same by Richard Bartlet, clerk (234). This burgage was bounded by that of the Master of St. John on the west, and that of Robert Burlok on the east.

By the Minute made on the 7th October, 1642, it appears that the Town then possessed three main gates, at the East, West and South, and six back gates, viz., two South Gates, one East and one West Gate, the Gallows Hill Gate, and the gate at Glippath. *See* p. 681.

Southwerk.

A solitary mention of this locality is made in the Will of John Syward, sen., who bequeathed to Richard Northbury an annual rent of five marks which the testator was accustomed to receive from a tenement in Southwerk (41).

West Ward.

Nicholas Martyn of Athelhampston, Esq., conveys seven acres of meadow lying together in the West Warde, "*in le Weaste Warde,*" next the great bridge called the new bridge, and on the north side of the stream (662).

South Street.

The principal streets of the Town occur very frequently in the Charters in Domesday. South Street is mentioned under the name of *Vicus australis* (1), *Vicus regius australis* (8), *Altus vicus australis* (119), *Altus vicus australis regius* (168), and la South strete (55, 121, 162).

West Street.

This street is called *Vicus occidentalis* (3), *Vicus regius occidentalis* (2), *Altus vicus occidentalis* (142), *Altus vicus occidentalis regius* (45), and Westrete or la Westret (88, 107, 149, 327).

* The meaning of Durnegate is frequently explained as Watergate, but it is probably derived from *dern*, "dark, secret, private"; see *New English Dict.* There was a gate so named in Northampton.

It is sometimes called High Street without any other addition, as in 400, when a burgage is described as situate *in occidentali vico vocato* Heyestret.

West Street must be intended in the conveyance of a tenement in *parte australi alti vici ex opposito ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis* (22), and in the Charter of Peter Blount, wherein a tenement is described as being on the south side of the High Street, opposite "la Nywehyn" (37, *cf.* 57), as the New Inn was situated near Holy Trinity Church.

East Street.

This street also occurs under the name of *Vicus orientalis* (5), *Vicus orientalis regius* (56), *Altus vicus orientalis* (110), *Altus vicus regius orientalis* (9, 24), *Altus vicus vocatus* Est strete (471), Este Highe Strete (650), and Highe Easte streat (659).

In the Will of John Champion the *Via Regia* there mentioned stands for this street (171), and similarly in 207 the *alta strata* which leads to the East Gate, and in 365 the *altus vicus regius*, which in 368 is termed *altus vicus regius orientalis*.

North Street.

There are several streets mentioned in the Domesday which are called North Street, or North Lane, with or without an addition for the sake of distinction. It is a matter of some difficulty to discriminate them.

Agnes Hamondes, in her will, bequeaths two tenements on the west side of North Street, *vicus borialis*, between the tenement of the Rector of St. Peter's Church and the tenement of Edward Mason (5).

John Fyuyan and John Duddill convey the moiety of a tenement on the west side of North Street, between the tenement of the Prior of St. John on the south, and that of Walter Peytenyn on the north (13). This tenement is again conveyed in 283, wherein the situation is similarly described.

Nicholas Latymer conveys a messuage with curtilage in "Northstrete," lying between the tenements of Magot Diew and the Prior of St. John of Dorchester (84).

William Compton grants his burgage on the east side of North Street, *juxta bondas de Fordyngton* (292).

Thomas Trenchard of Wolueton, Esq., sells his messuage on the east side of "High Northe Strete," between burgages belonging to John Churchyll and John Corbyn (639).

One other charter is important as settling the position of North Street by placing it at the west end of Puselane. William Portland, *alias* Hykkes, grants a tenement in North Street, *in parte orientali ejusdem vici ad finem occidentalem venelle vocate Puselane* (416). It thus appears to be identical with the following.

North Street which leads towards Glydepath, or *North Street which leads towards la Northgate.*

That these descriptions indicate the same street is shown by the will of John Merchant (150) who bequeaths to Cristina Childes a place *in vico boriali ejusdem ville qui ducit versus la Northgate,* when compared with the Charter by which Cristina Childs grants the same property a few months later to John and Agnes Dun, then describing it as *in vico boriali qui ducit versus Glydepatth* (153).

This street is also mentioned in a conveyance by John Barbour, *alias* Nicolas, and Beatrix, his wife, of a tenement *in vico boriali qui ducit versus Glydepath, ex parte orientali ejusdem vici,* between the place of the Abbot of Abbotisbury on the north, and the place formerly John Merchant's on the south (151, 155).

John Cowde, of Tolpydel, grants a messuage *in vico qui ducit versus Glydepath, ex parte orientali illius vici* (293).

Cristina Mason conveys her burgage on the east side of the North Street which leads towards Glidepatth, between the tenement of Robert Veel on the south, and the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the north (330).

It is also called *via que ducit ad le glyte pathe* in Richard Howell's conveyance (607), where it is the western boundary of a house at the west end of Peselane.

Lane which leads from High West Street towards the North Gate.

Thomasin Goldsmyth conveys the south end of a tenement situate in *venella que ducit ab alto vico regio occidentali versus portam borialem,*" between the tenement of Nicholas Cole on the north, and that held by Robert Portland on the south (45). She again deals with the same tenement, similarly described, in 189, and it is bequeathed by John Goldsmyth the grantee in 349, and conveyed by his daughter Emmote (373), and re-conveyed to her after her marriage with Thomas Bayly (377). The property was on the west side of the lane,

which in all the documents bears the same relation to High West Street and the North Gate.

In one instance (264) the lane is said to lead to North Street, not to the North Gate, viz., in the seisin of Thomas Crymelford, who inherited after the death of his father and mother a tenement on the north side of West Street, between the tenement of Richard Beryll on the west, and *venellam que ducit ad vicum borialem ex parte orientali.*

On another occasion this lane seems to be called "le Northlane" without other addition, when Thomas Kyllyngeforde conveys to Richard and Agnes Lewys, 10th May, 38 Henry VIII., a burgage *in quadam venella ibidem vocata le Northlane, viz. in orientali parte ejusdem venelle,* between the burgage formerly Stephen Crymelforde's, now Margaret Wynsore's on the north, and the burgage late Roger Howell's on the south ((597).

The North Street which leads towards the Friars Minors.

This appears to be the street leading northwards from the centre of the town, to be distinguished from "the North Street which leads towards the North Gate" on the west, and Frerenlane on the east. It is repeatedly mentioned in the Domesday under the titles of *Vicus qui ducit erga Fratres Minores* (9), *Vicus quo itur versus Fratres Minores* (30), *Via que ducit versus Fratres Minores* (113), *Altus vicus qui ducit usque Fratres Minores* (376), *Vicus borialis qui ducit versus Fratres Minores* (12), and *Altus vicus borialis qui ducit versus Fratres Minores* (132).

The charter of Henry Brouks seems to settle its position by terming it *Vicus qui ducit a foro mercati versus Fratres Minores* (62), for, as shown by 618, the market was held at the centre of the town, near St. Peter's Church.

In this street was the Cross, to which reference will presently be made, and the Pinfold or Pound (431). Towards its northern end it joined Frerenlane.

On 10th June, 7 James [1609], the Burgesses granted a lease to Ellen, wife of John Ellen, ropemaker, of a burgage "on the west part of the street leading out of the North Streete towards the Friery there." C. 14.

A lease of 19th November, 1762, refers to a stable, bounded on east by the street leading to the Friary, and on the west by a close called the Castle. B. 65.

Frerenlane.

This lane, which is frequently named in the documents enrolled in the Domesday, ran from East Street towards the Church or Precinct of the Friars Minors. It is called *Venella que vocatur Frerenlane* (34), *venella que tendit ad ecclesiam Fratrum Minorum* (68), Fryars' lane (630, 659), and finally "the lane which leads towards the precinct of the late dissolved Friars" (652).

The will of Margaret Auden (579) in which she bequeaths a burgage on the north side of East Street, between a burgage of John Jurden's on the west, and *venella vocata Freernelane que ducit de vico predicto versus Fratres Minores*, identifies it with the present Friary Lane.*

Durnelane and the Lane which leads towards la Dernegate.

The narrow thoroughfare running eastward from South Street finds frequent mention in the Domesday. The first occurrence is in No. 7, the will of William Fraunceys, 20th October, 1394, where it is called *venella que vocatur Durnelane.* It is sometimes designated by a periphrasis, as in No. 8, where John Shudde grants a burgage with curtilage in *venella que ducit a vico regio australi versus la Durnegate ex parte australi dicte venelle* (*cf.* 25, 29).

It seems to be the same as the lane called Durnegate, *venella vocata Durnegate*, mentioned in the will of John Shydde, who bequeaths to his wife a burgage so situated, between burgages of William Morton on the east and of John Hakelet on the west (471).

There is also the variation ,"Durnegate Lane," so named in the grant of a burgage by William Drake on the north side of *cujusdam venelle ibidem vocate Durne gate lane* (660), but this is a document of much later date, viz., 15th August, 7 Elizabeth [1565].

In the following charter a distinction is drawn between Durnelane, and the lane which leads to la Durnegate.

John Sherere, 3rd January, 1395, bequeaths a burgage

* This name seems to have been corrupted in the Seventeenth Century into Brewers' Lane, and is so named in a lease granted by John and Henry Churchill to John Snooke, of a messuage on north side of High East Street, between land of Thomas Walker (late William Miller's) beer brewer, on the west, Brewer's Lane on the east, and High East Street on the south, 1st May, 1665.

in quadam venella vocata la Durnelane ex parte australi illius venelle, inter placeam Johannis Shudde ex parte occidentali et venellam que ducit versus la Durnegate in quodam angulo exopposito tenemento nuper Johannis Warmwelle (17). Durnelane ran east and west, having tenements on the north and south of it, while the other lane, whatever name it bore, came into it at right angles, with tenements lying on the east and west sides.

Walter and Joan Burgeys convey a burgage on the south side of la Durnelane, between the place of John Shydde on the west, *et venellam qua* [*que*] *ducit versus la Durgate* [*sic*] *in quodam angulo ex opposito tenemento nuper Johannis Warmewell ex parte orientali* (245).

By another charter (499) Henry Syvier conveys a burgage *in australi angulo cujusdam venelle in eadem villa que ducit ab alto vico ejusdem ville in vicum vocatum Durnelane, ex parte occidentali ejusdem venelle, inter burgagium Johannis Playce ex parte boriali et predictum vicum vocatum Durnelane ex parte australi, ac inter predictam venellam ex parte orientali et burgagium nuper Radulphi Bedeford ex parte occidentali.* The High Street here named is evidently High *East* Street, from which the lane led into Durnelane, and it is so stated in the certificate of seisin of Thomas Stoyte in the burgage which William, his father, lately had by grant of Henry Syvier in the south corner of a lane which leads *ab alto vico orientali . . . in vicum vocatum Durnelane* (512).

William Ayssh grants a tenement on the west side of the *venella que ducit a vico orientali versus la Durnegate*, between other tenements to the north and south (187).

But this lane is also sometimes called Durnelane, as in 91, when William atte Assche grants a tenement on the west side of Durnelane, between burgages on the north and south; and in 170, where the same tenement is again conveyed.

Henry Durant (287) grants to John Crauel a burgage *in venella que vocatur Durngate ex parte occidentali*, between burgages of William Bouchere on the south and Henry Crauel on the north.

With this may be compared a sentence in the will of John Shydde (471), who bequeaths *unam vacuam placeam, jacentem in Durnegate predicta*, between the burgage called Cravellysbern on the south and that of William Morton on the north.

The point in East Street from which this lane started is shown by the will of John Fytheler, A.D. 1395, to have

been All Saints' Church, as the lane is called *venella que ducit ab ecclesia omnium sanctorum versus la Durnegate* (16).

Also John Fyuyan receives a grant, 16 Richard II. [1392-3], of a tenement *in quodam angulo ex parte orientali ecclesie omnium Sanctorum et inter viam regis que ducit versus la Durnegate ex parte occidentali* (6, *cf.* 69).

The Lane which leads towards Fordyngton.

There are a few instances in which this name occurs, and it seems to be used for Church Lane. Thus, in No. 448, Robert Stoury grants to Walter and Margaret Baron a burgage with curtilage in East Street, *in quadam venella que ducit versus Fordyngton vocata Durnelane, ex parte occidentali ejusdem venelle,* between burgages of Richard Vicary on the north, and of Walter Sergent on the south.

Robert and Joan Talbotte release to Thomas Hoskyn all right in a burgage called le Rakehey, on the south side of East Street, between the burgage of William Ployce on the east, and the *via regia que ducit a vico orientali usque Forthynton* (546).

Richard Wilmet grants to Thomas Hoskyns and Alice, his wife, a burgage on the south side of Durnelane, between the burgage of Nycolas Molyn on the west, and the *via regia que ducit versus Forthyngton* on the east (548).

Allhallon Church Lane.

Although this lane, running from East Street, at the west end of All Saints' Church, to Durnelane, is frequently indicated in the documents enrolled in Domesday, it first occurs by this name in a grant made 15th May, 32 Henry VIII. [1540], by John Clerke to John Corbyn, baker, of Belamys bakehouse, situate on the east side of the *venella ibidem communiter vocata Alhalon Churche lane,* having the King's burgage (late the Abbot of Byndon's) on the north, and the burgage of John Pynge, formerly Margaret Boith's, on the south (600).

The same messuage is conveyed by John Corbyn to another baker, Peter Goodfellowe, 10th January, 4 Elizabeth [1561-2], and its situation is stated as being *in venella vocata Alhallen Churche lane in parochia Omnium Sanctorum* (648).

The Twelve Men Way.

The name of this lane only once occurs. On 24th February 5 Edward VI. [1551], John Talbott, of Okeforde Shelynge,

conveys to Richard Fevyan, *aliter* Hoggarde, of Ewerne Mynster a burgage with curtilage in St. Peter's parish, *inter tenementum Johannis Stratford ex parte australi, tenementum Johannis Peryn ex parte boriali, viam Regiam ex parte orientali, et viam ville predicte vocatam the Twelve Men Way ex parte occidentali* (623).

Perhaps the name may come from the twelve Jurors sworn at the Court of the Town, who went by this way to their place of meeting.

Glydepath.

This way has already been several times mentioned as occurring in the phrase, " the North Street which leads towards Glydepath," to which reference may be made.

Its position is further defined in the will of William Stone, sen., who bequeaths to his wife a burgage with curtilage, *jacens apud Glydepathe in orientali parte cujusdam vici ibidem vocati Colyncolrew*, between the King's burgage, late the Friars Minors', on the north, and the burgage of the Master of the Chapel of St. John on the south (591).

Glidelane.

This lane, which must be distinguished from Glydepath, ran into Durnelane from the north, and must have led to it from High East Street. It is only once mentioned in Domesday, viz., in the grant by Sarah Cras of a tenement *in quadam venella vocata Durnelane ex parte boriali ejusdem venelle inter tenementum quondam Johannis Pensent nunc vero Johannis Drake ex parte orientali et venellam que dicitur Glidelane ex parte occidentali* (389).

If this lane should be considered identical with Church Lane, its name may be connected with the family of Glide, which had property there at an earlier date. *See* Nos. 69 and 71.

The North Lane.

Robert Barnes and Agnes, his wife, convey to George Robynson, 10th August, 16 Elizabeth [1574], a burgage and garden on the north side of Durnelane, between the burgage of John Hennyng on the east, and the lane, *venellam vocatam the Northe lane*, on the west (675). It must have been a lane running northwards from Durnelane towards High East Street. *See* Glidelane.

Colyncolrew.

William Stone, sen., by his will, dated 17th April, 1542, bequeaths a burgage with curtilage, *jacens apud Glydepathe in orientali parte cujusdam vici ibidem vocati Colyncolrew*, between the King's burgage, late of the Friars Minors, on the north, and the burgage of the Master of the Chapel of St. John on the south (591).

In the will of Roger Howell, 28th August, 1545, cited in the charter executed by Richard his son, a burgage was bequeathed lying on the east side of it. It is there termed *vicus vocatus Collyncolle Rew in Dorchestre* (604). In 605, relating to the same property, it is written as "Collencollrew."

Later on James Hyll conveys a burgage with curtilage on the east side , *cujusdam vici vulgariter vocati collyncolrewe streate* (651).

A comparison of 604 with 597 seems to suggest that Colyncolrew was also called le Northlane.

Peaselane.

This lane is frequently named in Domesday, and is variously spelt as Piselane (16), Pisselane (18), Puselane (19), Pusselane (89), Puzelane (117), Pislane (225), Pyselane (241), Pyslane (284), Pyzelane (476), Peselane (583), and Peaselane (618), the last being its latest form.

It ran east and west, from "the Cross which leads towards the Friars Minors" on the east, (132) to the North Street on the west. Its western extremity is thus described in 416, the conveyance by William Portland, *alias* Hykkes, of a tenement, *quod situatum est in vico boriali in angulo ex opposito tenemento Johannis Jurdan et quondam Nicholai Cole in Dorchestre predicta videlicet in parte orientali ejusdem vici ad finem occidentalem venelle vocate Puselane et in parte australi ejusdem venelle vocate Puselane.*

In another charter, 607, Richard Howell conveys a burgage *in quodam vico ibidem communiter vocato le Peselane ex boriali parte dicti vici inter burgagium nuper Ricardi Haywarde ex parte orientali et viam que ducit ad le glyte pathe ex parte occidentali.*

It is identical with Ulnenlane. A later name is Sheep lane.

Ulnenlane.

This lane is named in the will of Henry Duddill, 1399, who bequeathed to his wife a tenement on the north side of it, *ex parte boriali venelle vocate la Vlnenlane* (52).

In the conveyance of a burgage by William Lytefoot it is termed *venella vocata Ilnenelane* (100), and in a grant by John Duddill, la Vlnenelane.

Its identity with Puselane is established by No. 418, in which William Portland grants to Peter Skynnere a burgage situate *in angulo cujusdam venelle vocate Ilnenlane alias dicte Puselane*, and by 476, the will of John Purye, who bequeaths a tenement *in venella vocata Vlnenlane alias Pyzelane.*

The Market.

In the will of John Syward, sen., the market is mentioned as being opposite to the soil of the Abbot and Convent of Cerne (41), and in a charter by Henry Brouks occurs the market place, *forum mercati*, from which a street led towards the Friars Minors (62). Elianor, wife of Robert Greynlef, *alias* Bakere, bequeaths two butchers' shops on the west side of the market, and one other shop in the market (268), and William Payn conveys a tenement with curtilage situate between the tenement of the Prior of St. John, on the east, and the tenement late John Skynnere's on the west, opposite the market place, *forum mercati* (301).

The position of the market place is defined in 618 by John Hayward selling a burgage on the north side of High West Street, *habens ex parte australi locum venalem regium vocatum le merket place, Cimiterium divi Petri ex parte boriali, quandam viam in predictum Cimiterium inducentem ex parte occidentali, et quoddam Burgagium Johannis Lewston generosi ex parte orientali.*

Hayward's burgage must have been one of the houses which at one time blocked up the southern side of St. Peter's Church, while the market was held near the crossing at the centre of the town.

Market Street.

This street which, as shown by the position of the houses in it, ran from north to south, is mentioned in a release by which John Nagard, *alias* Webbe, releases to Peter Goldsmyth, and Scolastica, his wife, a burgage situate *in vico mercato,*

between the burgage of the grantees, and the fabric of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester (122, 124).

The executors of the will of Robert Greynlyf *aliter* Baker, convey a burgage on the east side of Market Street *in vico mercato*, between the burgage late of John Prentes on the south, and the burgage late of Robert Crokker on the north (396).

Dorchester Parishes.

The Town of Dorchester comprised from early times the three parishes of Holy Trinity, St. Peter's, and All Saints. These parishes, their churches, burying grounds and rectors are from time to time noticed in the Domesday.

Holy Trinity.

In this Church there were two Fraternities, and Thomas Waryn, the Rector, in his will, Wednesday next before the Feast of All Saints, 1441, bequeathed "to the two Fraternities in the Church of Holy Trinity," 6s. 8d. (492).

These Fraternities were that of the Holy Trinity which owned a tenement on the south side of Peaselane (424, 533), and received a legacy of 12*d.* from Philip Helyer, in 1441 (487), and that of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to which he also bequeathed the same sum.

Thomas Waryn desires that he should be buried in his church, before the image of the Holy Trinity (492).

The Rectory of Holy Trinity possessed land in les West Walls (367), and a tenement on the south side of Peaselane (459, 473, 492), and a tenement of the Wardens of the Church on the south side of the same lane is mentioned in 534, and a burgage of the Feoffees of the Church on the north side in 639.

The tenement, *quod pertinet ad ecclesiam S. Trinitatis*, on the south side of Peaselane, occurs in 272, and is that which belonged to the Fraternity of the Holy Trinity (*see* 533).

The exchange of the rectory house for another residence is referred to, *post*, on p. 610.

Seward's Chantry, founded in the Church of the Holy Trinity, is alluded to in 367, when John and Matilda Artour are the grantees of two acres of arable land *in les West Wall'*, one of which lies *inter terram Cantarie Johannis Seward, ex parte occidentali, et terram Rectoris S. Trinitatis de Dorchestre ex parte orientali.*

William Tolett and his wife grant a burgage on the north side of High East Street, between the burgage *Cantarie Rogeri Syward* on the west, and that of the feoffees of All Saints' Church on the east (514).

In 613 is mentioned the *burgagium Cantarie de Dorchester* in the parish of All Saints.

St. Peter's.

In the charter of Henry and Joan Gylot is conveyed a tenement, ten feet in length and breadth, situate *juxta scalam orientalem Cimiterii ecclesie S. Petri* (267). These steps are frequently mentioned.

In this Church were three Fraternities: 1, The Fraternity of the Holy Cross, to which John Purye bequeathed 3*s.* 4*d.* in 1436 (476), and John Pascowe two ewe sheep in 1473 (567). 2, The Fraternity of Corpus Christi, to which Richard Bryce bequeathed a sheep in 1444 (489), and Thomas Waryn, the Rector, 3*s.* 4*d.* in 1441 (492). 3, The Fraternity of Blessed Virgin Mary. This Brotherhood was well endowed with tenements in various parts of the town, the Domesday mentioning them as being in the North Street which led to the Friars Minors (12), the north side of High North Street (132), Street leading from the Market to the Friars Minors (62), south side (22), and north side (220) of West Street, east side (43) and west side (203) of South Street, north side (570) of East Street, south side of Peaselane (416), east side of Durnelane (434).

Its full title was *Fraternitas Beate Marie in ecclesia Sancti Petri in Dorchestre* (203), and it is also called the *Cantaria beate Marie Sancti Petri* (398). It had Wardens for the management of its concerns (508), and an official seal, *sigillum officii senescallorum sive custodum Fraternitatis* (560). The grant of a burgage by the Stewards or Wardens, and the *confratres* of the Brotherhood, may be read in 560, and they are the recipients of a rent of 12*d.* from a tenement on east side of South Street (164), and of grants, as seen in 431 and 444, and an arbitration, in regard to an annual rent of 5*s.* due to them, was made 20th November, 32 Henry VI. (576).

Upon the suppression of Chantries, the Burgesses obtained their property by letters patent, 1st August, 2 Edward VI. (627), and soon after sold a burgage and garden late belonging to the Fraternity (629).

The Rector of St. Peter's had a tenement on the west side of North Street (5).

Richard Hayne bequeathed, A.D. 1413, to his wife, Alice, a tenement on the west side of South Street, rendering yearly for the maintenance of the bell-tower, *pro sustentacione campanille*, of the Church of St. Peter's, 4*d*. (244).

All Saints.

The Fraternity of Corpus Christi in this Church is mentioned in the Will of John Welford, 1434, as the recipient of a legacy of 12*d*., "*fratribus Fraternitatis Corporis Christi ibidem*" (479).

The Rector of this Church held a tenement on the south side of Durnelane, *tenementum quod Rector ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum tenet* (47, 50, 447), and the *mansio Rectoris ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum* on the south side of a lane to which no name is given, is mentioned in 616 and 633.

Tenements belonging to the Church of All Saints on the north side of East Street are mentioned under the name of *burgagium Feoffatorum ad opus Ecclesie O.S.* (514, 599), *pertinens ecclesie parochiali O.S.* (570, 650); on the south side of East Street, now in the tenure of the feoffees, and late of the heirs of William Hoskyns (634) and *pertinens ad ecclesiam, etc.* (645); on the east side of South Street, *burgagium gardianorum ecclesie O.S.* (601), and *burgagium ecclesie parochialis O.S.* (674); and on the north side of Durnegate lane (600). A rent charge of 6*d*. per annum to the Church of All Saints is mentioned in A.D. 1406 (138). *See* also p. 705.

St. Rowald's Chapel.

This Chapel is spoken of as though it were still standing in 6 Henry IV. [1404-5], when the executors of John Syward, sen., conveyed to John Roggere of Brydeport a burgage on the east side of South Street, of which this chapel formed the southern boundary, *in vico australi ejusdem ville ex parte orientali ejusdem vici inter tenementum Johannis Wespray ex parte boriali et capellam quondam Sancti Rowaldi ex parte australi* (126).

The same property is again dealt with in 7 Henry V., when John Roger, now called Lord of Bryanston conveys it to George Rushley and Robert Mose, the southern boundary now being described as *placiam quondam capelle Sancti Rowaldi*, as though the chapel were no longer standing (324, *see also* 344).

The Chapel of St. John Baptist.

There were several burgages belonging to this chapel in Dorchester, though the usual name employed is that of the Prior of St. John (*e.g.*, 13, 143, 243, 283, 296, 301, 334, 434), the Prior of St. John Baptist (19), Prior of St. John of Dorchester (3, 14, 84, 94, 122, 130, 158, 288, 330, 488, 545, 650), or Prior of St. John Baptist of Dorchester (193, 224).

The expression, Master of St. John, *Magister Sancti Johannis*, occurs in 208 and 234, Master of St. John of Dorchester in 293, and *Magister Capelle S. Johannis Baptiste de Dorchester* in 519.

That the Prior of St. John and the Master of St. John are to be identified, becomes apparent on comparison of 143 and 234, where the two expressions are used to describe the western boundary of the same burgage situate next la Durnegate.

That the Master of St. John of Dorchester is not to be confounded with the Master of Mayne, the local head of the Commandery of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem at Mayne, is seen from the grant by Alice and Margaret Toly, 17 Edward IV., of a burgage on the north side of High East Street, between the burgage of *Sancti Johannis Hospitalis Jerusalem in Anglia apud Mayne Hospitalis ex parte occidentali et burgagium Magistri Sancti Johannis in Dorchestre predicta ex parte orientali* (545).

The independence of this Chapel of the Friars Minors becomes apparent in the will of William Stone, sen., 27th April, 1542, 34 Henry VIII., who bequeaths a burgage, etc., at Glydepath, on the east side of a street called Colyncolrew, *inter burgagium Domini Regis nuper Fratrum Minorum ibidem ex parte boriali et burgagium Magistri capelle Sancti Johannis ibidem ex parte australi* (591). At this date the Friary had been dissolved, and its possessions confiscated, but those of the Chapel of St. John still remained. But a later document (612) recites letters patent, 12th March, 3 Edward VI., which conveyed a burgage late belonging to the Priory of St. John of Dorchester, *modo dissoluti*, on the west side of South Street.

Tenements belonging to this Corporation were situate on west side of North Street (13, 283), on the east side of North Street which leads towards Glydepath (330, 293, 591), on the south side of East Street (519), on the north side (3, 14, 94, 650, 545), opposite the market (301), and in Market

Street (122), next la Durnegate (143, 234, 224), on north side of Durnelane (224, 296), on east side (434), and on the west side (434), in the lane which leads towards the Friars Minors [from East Street] (208), on north side of Ilnenelane (158), or Peaselane (258, *cf.* 19), on the west side of South Street (334, 488, 193, 612).

The Friars Minors.

The name of this community frequently occurs, but chiefly in connection with a street "which leads towards the Friars Minors." The most interesting allusion is that which occurs in the conveyance by Robert Grey to Thomas and Petronilla Gardyner of a burgage in Dorchester, situate *juxta castrum Fratrum Minorum*, 2 Henry IV. (77, *cf.* 133), between other tenements on the north and south.

A burgage of the Friars Minors on the east side of Frerenlane, is mentioned in the will of Margaret Auden, dated 8th July, 1535, 27 Henry VIII. (579), and another on the east side of Colyncolrew, late of the Friars Minors, in the will of William Stone, sen., 27th April, 1542 (591).

The *precinctum Fratrum Minorum nuper dissolutorum* occurs in 652, "the river and streame of water running from the Friary Mills in or near Dorchester" in 692, and the Friary wall is the north boundary of a messuage and garden situate on the north side of East Street (699).

Commonalty Land.

Lands and tenements belonging to the Commonalty of the town are occasionally mentioned in the charters. In the North Street which leads towards the Friars Minors was *terra communitatis ville de Dorchestre* (12). On the east side of Frerenlane was a *tenementum communitatis* (177, 190, 457), not identical with the preceding.

On the south side of High Street and opposite the Fysheshamelles was a *tenementum ville* (566, *cf.* 653, 666), on the east side of South Street a *burgagium communitatis Burgi* (596, 658, *cf.* 210), and on the north side of Peaselane a *burgagium burgensium* (618, *cf.* 638, 639).

The Liberty of the Town of Dorchester.

This expression is used in No. 191, whereby Richard Bertlot and others release all right in a tenement lying *infra libertatem ville Dorcestrie in alto vico orientali ex parte boriali ejusdem vici*, though it is not employed in 166, where the same property is conveyed.

No. 227 is a grant of four acres *in la Est Walles infra libertatem ville.*

Hutchins' *Dorset* (Vol. ii., p. 366) states that "The Priory, the north part of Priory-lane, the Castle, and the lime-kills, are in the Liberty of Bindon."

The Pinfold.

The Pound or Pinfold of the town is mentioned as *ponfaldum communitatis*, in North Street which leads towards the Friars Minors, and opposite the "Cross" (431, 440).

In 1412 Emota, widow of William Pulhare, conveyed a tenement on the north side of Peaselane, bounded by that of John Bomel on the west, and *placeam vocatam le Pount ex parte orientali* (225).

Robert Coker, goldsmith, had a lease, 13th November, 1604, of a burgage lying on the north part of the North Street, Dorchester, "and next on the north east parte of the pownde there." C. 14.

A plot called Hell Pound occurs in a lease, 7th June, 1746, as the eastern boundary of a messuage in Pease Lane, Holy Trinity parish, and again 28th March, 1785, B. 15, and "near unto a place there (St. Peter's Parish) called Hell pound, on the south side of the Castle," is a description in a lease of 5th April, 1754. B. 64.

The Common Spring.

This is once mentioned in the charter by which John Pascow, Rector of Warmwelle, grants a burgage in St. Peter's parish, *erga communem fontem in orientali parte illius vici*, between the burgages of St. Mary of St. Peter's Church on either side (544). The name of the street is not mentioned.

A watercourse, *viam aque* of the Commonalty, is mentioned in 210 as the northern boundary of a curtilage situate on the east side of South Street, and lying *versus campum de Este Wall.*

1658, Aug. 6. At the request of the inhabitants a well may be dug near the Pound, "so as care be taken for the preservation of children from danger of the said well." C. 15.

The New Bridge.

On 27th October, 7 Elizabeth [1565], Nicholas Martyn of Athelhampston, Esq., conveys seven acres of meadow lying together *in le Weaste warde juxta magnum pontem vocatum novum pontem*, and on the north side of the stream (662). See *ante*, p. xxxv.

Moones Bridge.

On a loose sheet, inserted with wafers in C. 7 :—

"1625, A.D. De Recordo in Blandford Sessions vj° die Januarij, Anno R's Jacobi nunc Anglie etc., xxij° et Scocie lviij°.

Dorsett. Whereas itt hath been heretofore presented that the highway by Moones-bridge, lyinge between the towne of Dorchester and the parish of Charminster, was in decay, and was ordered to be repayred by the parish of Fordington and such other parishes that had grounds lyinge neer vnto the same, Now forasmuch as vppon examinacion it hath been found very doubtfull who should repaire the same way for that diuers parishes haue grounds lyinge in the great common meadow called the West-ward which adioyneth to the said way; And moreover it is conceived that the way ought to bee mainteyned by the County for that itt lyeth within 200 foot of the bridge. Therefore for the avoidinge of the present perrill that may happen to travailers the said way beinge extremely foundrous, many persons havinge been thereby in danger of their liues, Sir Thomas Trenchard and Sir Francis Ashley, Knts., John Browne, Esq., and other persons wishing well to soe necessary a worke persuaded the towne of Dorchester, the parishes of Fordington, Charmister, Stratton and Grimstone to ioyne in reparacion of the said way, wherevnto they yeilded condiconally that they might not in future bee bound therevnto as a service to bee performed of right, and accordingly they haue ioyned in reparacion of the same way. Itt is therefore now ordered that the said towne of Dorchester nor any of the said parishes of Fordingeton, Charminster, Stratton or Grimstone, or any other that have ioyned in the said worke, shall hereafter be chardged with reparacion of the said way by reason of their assistance therein att this tyme, but shall bee as free in that behalfe as if now they had don noethinge therein. Ex^a per Ph'um Alexander, deputatum Clerici pacis Comitatus."

1631, May 6. £5 to be contributed to Mr. John Browne, towards the reparation of Moones Bridge, and the way adjoining on both sides, though the Town is in no ways chargeable. C. 9.

The Gaol.

This important institution, though it forms the subject of the earliest document now among the municipal records, does not occur again in the charters till A.D. 1458, when

John Mone, Esq., releases all right in a messuage in Dorchester, *inter burgagium vocatum la Gowle ibidem*, on the west, and the burgage of Paul Bedford on the east (527); and John Frampton of Caundell Mersshe demises the same, the western boundary being then described as *Gaolem Domini Regis* (528), A.D. 1497. In 530 it is said to be on the north side of East Street.

1634, Dec. 19. "It is agreed that the Towne Steward shall deliuer unto Beniamyn Derby five marks wherewith he shall fitt one roome of his howse to make it a strong prison for the Towne." C. 9.

1642, May 18. "For as much as Robert Hoskins hath for diuers yeares held the possession of the old gaole which thes Company conceives to be the Towne land, and therefore it is desired that Mr. Edward Dashwood and Mr. John Bushrode shall view the bownds of the same old gaole, and certifie thes Company what probability there is that the said Hoskins hath any title to any parte of the same gaole. But it is since agreed that Nathaniell Bower shall take hes oportunity to take quiet possession of it." C. 12.

1649, Nov. 31. "To confer with Mr. Richard Scovile, the Towne Clark, at his next coming to Towne, concerning the land which belongs to the Towne, which was formerly the Old Gaole." C. 12.

1775, Aug. 31. The house of Robert Stickland in All Saints' parish, is bounded on the east by Gaol Lane. C. 7.

Les Fyshe shamelles.

These were situated on the north side of the High Street, and are mentioned in the charter of John Pascowe, Rector of Warmwelle, but whether of East or West Street is not stated (566, 568).

The Butchers' Stalls.

These are frequently mentioned, but not in the Domesday Book. See *post*, p. 493.

The Glovers' Standings.

The glovers held their stalls in South Street. See *post*, p. 494, note.

Shops.

Shops in Dorchester several times occur in the Charters. The reversions of three in the High Street, between other tenements on the east and west, are conveyed A.D. 1398 (36). Three other shops standing together on the west side of the

High Street (*i.e.*, North Street), which leads towards the Friars Minors, occur in A.D. 1409-10 (197, 198, 199), and in A.D. 1423 (376). A shop on the south side of High [West] Street is mentioned in A.D. 1409-10 (185), which by a later charter A.D. 1417, is stated to be opposite St. Peter's Church. A shop at the East Gate in 1410 (262) and another in 1500, between le New Inne on the east and Holy Trinity Church on the west (551). Three butchers' shops in 1410 (262), two of which are again mentioned in 1416 as situate on the west side of the Market (268).

Shops under the special name of Les Nyweshoppes are referred to in No. 12, as situate in the North Street which leads towards the Friars Minors, and opposite the Cross there, and two others, called Les Northshoppes, in St. Peter's parish, were inherited by Sir John Pasco in 1474 (511).

La Nywehyn.

The New Inn is mentioned as early as A.D. 1398, to indicate the position of a tenement which is said to be situate, *ex parte australi alti vici ex opposito la Nywehyn* (37), and a similar expression, *in alto vico ex opposito Novo hospicio*, occurs in 57 and in 76.

Its position is established by a charter of 16 Henry VI. (A.D. 1437), by which Robert Rempston conveys to John Martyn a tenement on the north side of West Street, between the tenement called *novum hospicium* on the east, and the cemetery of Holy Trinity Church on the west (477), and John Martyn bequeaths it in his will as bounded by *hospicium vocatum le New Inne* on the east, and Holy Trinity Church on the west (551).

La Dayne.

Several pieces of ground bearing this name are mentioned in the charters.

In 20 Richard II. [1397] William Cole conveys to John Joce *placea terre vocata la dayne in Burgo Dorcestre in vico australi ex parte occidentali illius vici*, lying at the end of the curtilage of the Abbot of Milton on the south, and that of Thomas Bertram on the north (28). It is again mentioned in 212, when John Joce conveys it to Richard Brys, but its southern boundary is then, A.D. 1411, called the curtilage of the Abbot of Byndon.

Once more, in A.D. 1444, it is bequeathed by Richard Bryce to Alienore, his daughter, as *vnam quantitatem terre*

vocatam a Dayne sitam in vico australi ejusdem ville ex parte occidentali illius vici, iuxta campum de West Wallys, and bounded by gardens of Robert Childecumbe on the north, and of the Abbot of Middleton on the south (489).

Previously, however, A.D. 1423, Alice, widow of John Jurdan, and John, son and heir of John Jurdan, had granted a tenement on the west side of South Street, together with the reversion *cujusdam Dayne terre jacentis ad finem occidentalem curtillagii ejusdem tenementi,* which may be another property of the same name (369).

In A.D. 1474 Sir John Pasco is placed in possession of "j dayne" with appurtenances in the parish of St. Peter's, which had descended to him on his father's death (511).

In 1482-3 John Hull and Joan, his wife, convey to trustees *illud Dayne cum suis pertinenciis jacens in eadem venella vocata Pyselane ex parte australi ejusdem venelle,* between burgages of the Fraternity of S. Mary on east, and of the grantors on the west (524).

Lastly in 1545 William Jerard conveys *unum Deane* or *le Deane,* with burgage and curtilage attached on the east side of South Street, between burgage of Owin Hayman on the north, and Michael Vase on the south (592).

In the List of Lessees of the Town Burgages, 1582—1633, mention is made of "a passage called the Dane," in the parish of All Saints. *See* p. 698.

From the above quotations it would appear that there were several distinct pieces of ground called by this name.

Fordington.

This adjoining parish to Dorchester is rarely mentioned in the charters except as a place of residence.

The bounds of the Lord of Fordyngton, *metas d'ni de Fordyngton,* are given as the southern boundary of a burgage at the South Gate, and on the west side of South Street in A.D. 1402 (93), and a close of the demesne of Fordyngton "*d'nij de Fordyngton*" on the east side of North Street is twice mentioned, in A.D. 1439-40 (483), and in A.D. 1482-3 (524).

Fordington Field, *campus de Fordyngton,* occurs as the western boundary of burgages and gardens on the south side of West Street, conveyed by Robert Martyn of Adelmyston in A.D. 1547 (606).

The "Common Corn Field of Forthington" is mentioned as the south boundary of 2½ acres of land and a house in All Saints' parish, 25th May, 1750.

The Cross.

On three occasions mention is made of the Cross, situated in or near the North Street which leads towards the Friars Minors, but it is not made quite clear whether a crossing of the ways or a structural cross is intended. In any case the situation would be where Peaselane joins North Street, the spot called subsequently Bullstake.

The three occurrences of the name are as follows:—

In A.D. 1395-6 William Wyther grants a messuage *in vico boriali qui ducit versus Fratres Minores inter les Nyweshoppes ex opposito cruci ibidem inter shoppam Fraternitatis Sancte Marie ex parte orientali et terram Communitatis ville de Dorchestre ex parte occidentali* (12).

In A.D. 1405-6 Peter Blount bequeaths a tenement *quod situm est ex opposito cruci que ducit versus Fratres Minores et in quodam angulo cujusdam venelle in Dorchestre vocate Puselane ex parte boriali ejusdem venelle et in fine orientali* (132).

By a charter from John Jacob, clerk, and Joan, widow of Reginald Jacob, is conveyed in A.D. 1429 to the Fraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary a tenement *in vico boriali qui ducit versus fratres minores ex opposito cruci ex parte boriali, inter tenementum Fraternitatis B. Marie in ecclesia Sancti Petri de Dorchestre predicta ex parte orientali, et Ponfoldum communitatis ex parte occidentali* (431).

Helle.

A place so-called existed in Dorchester A.D. 1401, when Edward Chepman granted to Peter Blount a toft on the north side of Vlnenlane, *inter tenementum Thome Gardyner ex parte occidentali, et placeam Roberti Sutton vocatam helle, ex parte orientali* (72). It occurs again in 1412, when John Jurdan, sen., and Alice, his wife, who had been wife of Robert Sutton, release all their right in a burgage called Helle in Dorchestre, *quondam Roberti Sutton mariti ipsius Alicie* (226). See *ante*, p. 1, for Hell Pound.

Le Rakehay.

A burgage so called, which came into the King's hands through the failure of the heirs of Henry Wooge, was granted by the Bailiffs and the Jurors at the Court held at Michaelmas, A.D. 1481, to Henry Hoskyns and Alice, his wife (547), and the next year all right in it was released by Robert Talbotte

and Joane, his wife, late wife of Thomas Russeheton (546). It is there called a toft, on the south side of High East Street, and adjoined the way that led from East Street to Forthynton.

La Pentys.

This is the name of a burgage in Dorchester, 26 ft. long by 8 ft. broad, the situation of which is thus described in a charter dated 1399, *Unam placeam in Burgo predicto que vocatur la Pentys sitam in quodam angulo ex opposito angulo Abbatis de Cerne ex parte australi alti vici* (53). It had belonged to John Syward, sen., deceased, whose executors conveyed it to John Skynner.

In 1408 John Skynner bequeathed it to his wife, Alice (165), and in 1423 Thomas Oliver, and Alice, his wife, who was Skynner's widow, convey it to John Plays of Sydelyng (382). However, in 1425, Alice Skynner bequeaths it to her husband (388).

Long after, in 1546, Robert Aden bequeathed a burgage on the north side of the High Street, of which a burgage called Le Pentice was the eastern boundary (641).

In a lease, 3rd April, 16 James [1618], the town grants to Phillip Nicholls of Dorchester, tayler, the messuage "called the Bow or Pentice house or by whatsoever other name or names the same is now or hath ben called or known," lying on the north part of the dwelling house and shop of William Churchill, gent., now deceased, in St. Peter's parish. C. 14.

The Bow. The Stairs to St. Peter's Churchyard. The Blind-house.

A lease was granted to Robert Coker, goldsmith, 20th April, 16 James [1618], of a chamber and loft already builded adjoining the house of the said Robert Coker on the west side, and to the land of the said Bailiffs and Burgesses called the Bow on theast side, and alsoe all that voyd roome from the Chamber northward ouer the Blind howse and over the staires that doe lead out of the Churchyard of St. Peter's in Dorchester into the streate there," in the parish of St. Peter. C. 14. *See* B. 35*a*, and *post*, at p. 494.

1641, April 9. The Bow or Pentice howse. It is agreed that in regard that the executors or ouerseers of Philip Nicholles hath let the howse or suffered others to enioy the howse called the Bow without license of the Maior and Company and thereby forfeited the same unto the Townehands. It is

ordered that a lease of eiectment shall be made and sealed to William Riall and Benjamyn Derby to haue a letter of attorney made to him to deliuer it. C. 12.

1642, Nov. 25. "It is this day agreed with Mr. Gilbert Loder that thear shall be a copie licence granted for the Bow for the price of fiue pounds to be paid betwixt this and Christtide upon condicion that it be lett vnto a mercer or a draper." C. 12.

1642, Dec. 1. "It is agreed that there shall be a chaine prepared and set vp at the Bow and a post to be set vp to receive it, leaving a passage betwene the post and Blindhowse, and that Mr. Savage shall take the care of it, and the iron of the starts that remaine in Mr. Dashwood's hands shall be weighed and deliuered to the smyth towards making of it." C. 12.

1648, June 23. Mention is made of Charles Stone's butcher's standing under the Bow. C. 12.

1649, Nov. 31 (*sic*). "This day Mr. Robert Coker desired that this Company would giue him a price for the adding of two liues vnto his owne life, vpon the Chambers which he now holds from the Towne which are built ouer the Blindhouse and the Hall stayres." C. 12.

1661, May 31. "It is agreed that Mris. Martha Coker, widow, shall haue the fee of the roomes over the Blindhouse at the fine and for the somme of twelve pounds, vpon consideration that shee pretends that there was money due to them for entertayning of Humes in time of the warrs, and pleading also their relation to Mris. Chub, a benefactor to the Towne." C. 15.

1661, June 14. "This day the Companie sealed unto Mris. Martha Coker a deed of the fee of the chamber over the Blindhouse and the staires out of the Churchyard." C. 15. *See* B. 35*a*, and *post*, p. 708.

1747-8, March 23. "It is agreed that the messuage or tenement, called the Bow, within this Borough, lately fallen into the Corporacion's hands by the death of James Bilson, be taken down at the expence of the Corporacion, and for that purpose it is agreed that Elizabeth Hutchins, widow, the present tenant thereof, shall forthwith have notice to quit possession of it on or before the 24th day of June next." C. 27.

In a lease of 25th May, 1761, are mentioned a butcher's shop and room over it, late the Blindhouse, in St. Peter's

parish, bounded on the north by the steps leading to the Guildhall, and on the south by Mr. George Arden's corner shop, and another butcher's shop, in the said parish, bounded on the north by John Pouncey's shop, and on the south by the steps leading to the Guildhall. B. 35*a* and B. 66.

La Northbern.

This burgage, which belonged to Walter Bouer and Sarah, his wife, was situated in Frerenlane, leading from the East Street, having on the north a burgage of the Master of St. John's. It was conveyed to William Portland in 1411 (208). It is also mentioned as a boundary in 207.

Cravellysbern.

This was situated in Durnegate, and formed the southern boundary of a vacant place bequeathed in 1431 by John Shydde to his wife Cristina (471).

It was doubtless so called from having been the property of Henry Crauel, who, by will in 1416, bequeathed a burgage on the west side of Durnelane, having a burgage of John Shydd's for its northern boundary (289).

La Stenynhouse.

This was a messuage conveyed in 1406 by Cristina, relict of John Godrigge, to William Hore of Bridport. It lay on the north side of West Street (136). It was again conveyed in 1428, by William Hore to trustees (422). It lay between tenements of Nicholas Pires or Pyrys (late John Dodell's) on the west, and Henry Coupere's on the east, and was probably a dyehouse for staining cloth.

Tanhous.

This was the property of William Ayssh, and bequeathed by him in 1410 to his wife in reversion after the death of William Tannere who then held it (262). That it was situated on the south side of Durnelane appears from 268, the will of Eleanor, wife of Robert Greynlef, *alias* Bakere, and formerly wife of William Ayssh.

Bernys.

In 1492 John Pascow, Rector of Warmwelle, grants to Walter Pascow two burgages on the east side of [South] Street bearing that name, *ubi plures arbores crescunt*, between the burgage of John Martyn on the south, and that of St. Mary in St. Peter's Church on the north. (544).

Wasys. Le Gurnard.

These were two burgages lying together on the south side of High West Street in the following order, from west to east: viz., Laurence Balerner's burgage, Le Gurnard, Wasys, John Williams's burgage, and bequeathed by the will of William Stone, sen., in 1542 (591).

Belamy's Bakehouse.

This was situated on the east side of "Alhalon Churche Lane," between a burgage of the King's, formerly the Abbot of Byndon's, on the north, and that of John Pynge's, formerly Margaret Boith's, on the south. In 1540 it consisted of two burgages, then said to have formerly borne the name of Belamy's bakehouse. In 1561-2 it was again conveyed, and, being held by bakers, was probably still put to this appropriate use.

Abbot of Abbotsbury.

Possessions of this Monastery are mentioned as boundaries of other properties lying on the east side of South Street, in Nos. 15, 81, 299, 560 and 561, on the west side of South Street in 181, 238 and 451, on the east side of North Street which leads towards Glydepath, in 151, and on the south side of East Street in 470, where a burgage is described as lying in the High Street called "Est trete," between a burgage of the Abbot of Abbotysbury on the west, and a lane extending to Durnegate on the east. In a later charter the same is called "the burgage of Roger Stourton and Agnes, his wife, late wife of Walter Eyre, and late of the Abbot and Convent of the dissolved monastery of Abbotisbury" (634).

They are also found on the south side of High [West] Street, opposite the Trinity Church, Nos. 22, 46, 145, 280, 578 and perhaps 517.

Abbot of Bindon.

A tenement was held by this Monastery on the *east* side of Durne lane (503) and (512). This is probably the burgage in Alhalon Lane mentioned in 600. To this may be added a tenement on the south side of High East Street (110, 385, 401, 436, 464, 471), a tenement on the south side of West Street (157, 363), a curtilage on the west side of South Street (212) ascribed in 28 to the Abbot of Milton, and a tenement there (258, 402).

A messuage with two curtilages adjacent in All Saints' parish, "lately belonging to the dissolved Monastery of Byndon," is mentioned in 654.

Abbot of Cerne.

John Syward, sen., in his will dated 23rd November, 1398, has these words : " I bequeath to the Abbot and Convent of Cerne, my state, right and term which I have in a messuage which I have newly built upon the soil of the Abbot and Convent in Dorchester, in which Robert Deueneshire and Geoffrey Mose now dwell, opposite the Market, to pray for my soul and the souls of my father and mother, according to the conscience of the Abbot and Convent." (41).

In the bounds of " La Pentys," which was also bequeathed by John Syward, it is stated to be situate in a certain corner opposite the corner of the Abbot of Cerne on the south side of the High Street (53). *See also* 165.

One of the witnesses to the charter of John Frampton of Caundell Mersshe, 12th December, 1479 (528), was Roger Rope, Abbot of Cerne. On reference to the list of the Abbots of Cerne in Hutchins' *Dorset* (Vol. iv., p. 28), it appears that Roger Bemynster, previously Prior, was licensed to be elected Abbot, 14th February, 1470. The present charter gives his paternal name, which seems otherwise unknown, Bemynster, being the name derived from his birthplace, by which he was known in religion.

Abbot of Milton.

Milton Abbey possessed, according to the charters, a curtilage on the west side of South Street (28),* and a garden near the field of West Walls (489), also on the west of South Street; a tenement on the west side of Frerenlane (129); and a tenement in All Saints' parish, between the burgage of the chantry of Dorchester on the west, and that of the Church of All Saints on the east, late belonging to the Monastery of Mylton, Dorset (613).

Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem at Mayne.

The Master or Prior of the Preceptory or Commandery of the Knights of St. John at Mayne, near Dorchester, held several tenements in the Town. They are described indifferently as belonging to the " Master of Mayne " or the " Prior of Mayne," or of " St. John of Mayne," the " Hospital of Mayne," or the " Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem at Mayne." They lay on the north side of East Street (5, 14, 94, 358, 545), on

* No. 212 substitutes Byndon for Milton here.

the south side of East Street (115, 171, 175, 347, 624), and on the north side of West Street (220, 235, 406, 489).

No. 643 shews that a messuage and garden belonging to this Preceptory came into the hands of Thomas, Lord Seymor of Sudeley, who was attainted of high treason. They were granted by Robert Barbet, *alias* Aden, A.D. 1554.

The distinction between the Master of St. John of Mayne and the Master of St. John of Dorchester has already been pointed out.

Prior of Christ Church, Twynham.

A burgage belonging to this religious house was situated on the south side of a lane which leads from South Street towards la Durnegate, and is mentioned in 8, 25, 29, 388, 426.

Feoffees of the Parish Church of Netherbury.

A burgage belonging to these Feoffees, in Holy Trinity parish, situate in the south side of High West Street, is mentioned as a boundary in a charter (667) granted by Robert Corbyn, 12th February, 14 Elizabeth [1571-2], and previously in another charter of 20th May, 2 Elizabeth [1560] (665).

Among the Netherbury Charity muniments is a power of attorney from John Moustyr, clerk, to John Goldesmyth, of Dorchester, to deliver to Walter Bagge, clerk, and Walter Tracy, or one of them, and their heirs, possession in a burgage with curtilage on south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of Walter Gaylord on the west, and the tenement of Blessed Mary of Dorchester, on the east, Monday after Michaelmas, 8 Henry V. (A.D. 1420).

Also Robert More, Esq., Thomas Pokeswell, Esq., William Combe, Henry Salesbury, and William Belett grant to William Bugge of Dorchester and Alice, his wife, for life, a burgage on south side of West Street, Dorchester, 14th December, 15 Henry VII. (A.D. 1499). These deeds are printed in *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vii., pp. 288 and 293.

Feoffees of the Parish Church of Warmwell.

A burgage belonging to these Feoffees, situate on the south side of Durnelane, is mentioned as a boundary in a charter (656), granted by Thomas Wynsor, 10th June, 3 Elizabeth [1561].

Cornhill.

This is mentioned as the situation of a house purchased in 1652 to serve as a new Parsonage House for the Rector of Holy Trinity Church. *See* p. 610. *Cf.* pp. 380—383.

Bowling Alley.

1635-6, Jan. 20. The inhabitants of Fordington, who have made of late a common trade way over the Bowling Alley with horses, carts and carriages, to be presented at the next Law day. C. 9.

1650-1, Feb. 12. Mention is made of a lease of Widow Woods' in the Bowling Alley. C. 12.

1779, May 7. The Bowling Alley Walk is let to Mr. Robert Willis and Mr. Richard Cozens, for a guinea a year from Lady day last. C. 27.

1832, Aug. 13. "It is highly desirable for the public convenience that the Corporation should endeavour to purchase the piece of land belonging to Mr. Pitman adjoining the Bowling Alley Walk, now advertised for sale in lots." (Aug. 21, Mr. Pitman would sell for £1,000, but the Corporation would not go beyond £800.)

1716, Feb. 26. The Mayor, etc., for £1 . 1 . 0, and a rent of one shilling covenant with John Watts, jun., lime-burner, that for 99 years or for his life, and the lives of John Watts his son, and Anne Bennett, spinster, his servant, he shall enjoy the herbage of the West Walk, commonly called the Bowling Green, and the South Walk, all which walks are within the ditches of the Borough. John Watts undertaking to keep the trees in good order, without shrouding, lopping or topping any of them, and plant new trees in the room of those that decay, and keep the banks and fences in repair, or feed any cattle upon the walks that will injure or disorder the ground, or hinder any person from walking in the said walks. Signed, John Watts. Seal. Crest, a talbot tripping. B. 66.

The "Bowling Alley, or West Walls" occurs in the Survey of Lands of Chubb's Alms House. C. 39. *See* p. 702.

Sawpit Lane and Gallows Hill Lane.

1669, July 2. "Md. that ther being a great flod of water att a backe lane of this towne called the Sawpitt, the which was very dangerous for passengers and for children living there; itt was att Christ-tide last promised by Mathew Where to

take in the said water into his garden, vnder the rent of eight shillings a yeare, but prouided that he keepe the passage open that the water may haue free passage in." C. 15.

Two acres of land bounded on north by Sawpit Lane, on south by Forthington Field, on east by the Town Lands, and on west by Glebe lands of Holy Trinity, were leased to Mary, Countess Dowager of Abingdon, 28th August, 1749. B. 66.

Two messuages, gardens and plot, and ground called Yeats' Close, in All Saints' parish, bounded on north by Sawpit Lane, on south by the walls of the Borough against Fordington Field, on east by part of Sawpit Lane, and on west by lands of Ann, Countess of Abingdon, were leased 20th March, 1783. B. 66. *See also* Lease of 25th May, 1750. B. 35*a*.

1784, Oct. 6. "At this Court [of Dorchester Quarter Sessions] was brought an Order (under the Hands and Seals of Edward Cozens, Mayor, and William Templeman, Richard Cozens and William Gundry, four of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Borough) made at a special Sessions held in and for the said Borough the twelfth day of May, 1788, setting forth that a certain highway from the place called the Saw Pitt in the parish of All Saints in the Borough of Dorchester aforesaid to a Lane called Gallows Hill, containing in length 430 feet, and in breadth 24 feet, or thereabouts, should be disused and stopt up, and the land and soil thereof vested in Robert Stickland, gent., in lieu of a new highway (more commodious) through the lands of the said Robert Stickland, leading from an old highway there into a Lane called Durn Lane, in parish of All Saints aforesaid, containing 206 feet in length, and in breadth 22 feet, and in recompence and satisfaction of his the said Robert Stickland having taken down and removed a dwelling house and outhouses lately standing at the north end of the said new Highway, and for the land and soil through which the said new Highway is now made and passes, which land and soil of the said old Highway the said Robert Stickland covenanted to accept accordingly, which order was desired to be entered of Record; this Courte doth thereupon record the same, and the same is hereby recorded accordingly." C. 34.

1786, Aug. 14. "Mr. Robert Stickland, having now proposed both to accommodate the Public as well as himself,

* 1749, Aug. 24. Gallows Hill Close was leased to Robert Loder, gent., for 99 years. C. 27.

and also for the better improvement of the Corporation Lands and Revenues to open a communication from Durn Lane to the West Back Street (which is at present so blocked up as to be very inconvenient to the owners and occupiers of Land and Property there), and also to take in exchange in lieu of such new road the present old road from Gallows Hill Street to the west corner of the cottage (late Cooper's), and to hold to himself so much of the said old road in fee, when thus exchanged, as shall be the measurement of the said new road, and all the other part of the said new road and waste, there to be thrown into and become the lands of the Corporation And further also proposed to pull down the several cottages and buildings, now standing on the lands now held of the Corporation and hereinafter mentioned, and in lieu thereof to erect on such part of the said leasehold premises, as the said Mr. Stickland shall think proper, six cottages to be built with brick or stone and tiled, according to the plan now delivered in to the Corporation and signed by the said Mr. Stickland and the Corporation now present. Such proposal therefore is now approved of," etc. C. 27.

In a licence, 20th July, 1804, to assign a lease of a messuage in All Saints' parish, mention is made of the "Back Lane, heretofore leading to Gallows Hill and now into a street called Charles Street." B. 15. So in a lease, 8th November, 1819, of three new-built cottages, bounded on south "by a lane formerly leading to a place called Gallows Hill, but now to Charles Street." B. 65.

Bullstake.

1664, Sept. 23. A house in St. Peter's parish, "over against the Bulstake," is named. C. 15.

In a lease of 29th August, 1777, is mentioned a messuage in St. Peter's parish, "at the higher end of a street or place called the Bull Stake, bounded on west by the common Pound of the Borough, on north by a close called the Castle, and on south by a street called Bull Stake." B. 65.

The Pillory.

1632, Nov. 8. Henry Kippin, of Ringwood, was threatened with the punishment of the Pillory. C. 8. *See* p. 662.

1648, April 28. John Cardrow's standing, under the Pillory, is mentioned. C. 12.

Whitewell House.

1665, Nov. 3. Whitewell House in the parish of Holy Trinity occurs in C. 15.

Mount Whittle.

1666, Sept. 14. A house, bearing this name, was leased by the Company to William Facy, *alias* Scholler. C. 15.

The Thoroughfare.

A messuage in the High Street, parish of Holy Trinity, is described as bounded by the "Thorough Fair" on the west, in a lease of 30th September, 1721. B. 65. A messuage in Holy Trinity parish, on east side of a passage called the "Thorough Fair," was leased 11th July, 1755, and again 4th June, 1789. B. 65. A burgage in the "thoroughfare of Holy Trinity" is mentioned in C. 39. *See* p. 701.

The Pest House.

1704, April 28. The Pest House, in the parish of Holy Trinity, to be held and enjoyed by the parishioners thereof for seven years, at 50*s*. rent per annum. C. 7.

Presbyterian Meeting House.

1743, Feb. 6. A messuage on north side of Sheeplane, was bounded on east by the Presbyterian Meeting-house, and on north by the Castle. Lease B. 65. *See also* Lease of 7th July, 1783.

Quakers' Meeting.

This was situated in the parish of Holy Trinity and paid a rate of 6*d*. in 1737, being then in the possession of —Antrim, and in 1766 was ordered to be rated, being then held by—Oxford. *See* pp. 672, 691.

Trinity School.

1748, Aug. 1. A stable or fuel house is mentioned on south side of Pease Lane, in Holy Trinity parish, bounded on south by Churchyard and School house of the said parish. Lease B. 66.

The Pipe Kiln.

1748-9, Jan. 1. The messuage called the Pipekiln, situate at Gallows Hill, having fallen into the hands of the Corporation by the death of Christopher Foy, to be taken down. C. 27.

Engine House.

1777, Aug. 29. "A little room under the messuage called the Engine House" was leased at this date, *inter alia*, to Joseph, Lord Milton. B. 65.

The New Walks.

1744, March 30. "That Mr. Cooper, the present Town Steward, doth pay unto Mr. John Pitman ten guineas towards the railing out and compleating the New Walks." C. 27.

1803, June 30. "That the Walks belonging to the Town be repaired under the direction of Mr. Churchill, the Town Steward, and Mr. William Bower." C. 42*a*.

1817, Jan. 8. "That no tree or trees be cut or shrouded in the Walks round the Town without the consent and direction of the Corporation to be given in writing at a meeting for that purpose. C. 42*a*.

1829, June 29. "That no person be allowed to open any door or other communication from any property or place into the Walks or either of them." C. 42*a*.

George Inn.

1620, April 30. A lease was granted to Margarett Chubb, wid., of three messuages, called the George, lying together in the parish of St. Peter's, on north side of High West Street, between the Church and Churchyard of St. Peter's on the east and the dwelling house of Richard Bushrode on the west. C. 14.

1766, July 22. In a lease of a corner shop in St. Peter's parish, on north side of High West Street, the boundaries are a tenement *formerly called* the George Inn on west, and St. Peter's Churchyard on north. This inn is frequently mentioned.

Queen's Arms.

1696, March 9. A messuage in Holy Trinity parish, on north side of High West Street, adjoining the Queen's Arms on the east, is mentioned in a lease of this date (B. 64), but the Corporation agreed to grant to William Bower, Esq., a lease of a dwelling house called the Queen's Arms, in Pease lane, 12th August, 1807. C. 42*a*.

Half Moon.

1743, Feb. 6. A messuage on north side of Sheeplane was bounded on west by William Pate's malthouse, on north by the Castle, and on east by the Half Moon. B. 65.

White Hart.

1753, March 29. In All Saints' Parish, bounded on west by the Common Gaol of the County of Dorset, on east by the Great River, and on south by High East Street. B. 65.

Green Dragon.

1754, April 5. A messuage in All Saints' parish was bounded on east by the backside leading to the Green Dragon, on north by part of the same, and on south by the Back Lane to Gallows Hill. B. 64.

Mermaid.

1757, Jan. 31. "The messuage, called the Mermaid," was situate on south side of High West Street.

Greyhound.

1759, Jan. 27. The passage to the Greyhound Inn is mentioned as the eastern boundary of a messuage in High South Street, St. Peter's parish.

Other inns are mentioned in the Burgage List, 1737. See *post*, p. 690, *sq.*

It will be unnecessary to carry this Introduction further, though it might have been extended without difficulty, and the Reader is now referred to the succeeding pages wherein he will find an opportunity provided for studying the life of the Borough from various points of view. A full account of the "Dorchester Domesday" is given at page 91.

The multitude of details which required attention has rendered the arrangement and classification of the materials no easy task. Nevertheless, the Editor ventures to express the hope that the result may be deemed satisfactory, and that the Calendar of Documents and the Index, to which he has devoted much time and close attention, will be found useful to those who may have occasion to consult them.

C. H. MAYO.

Long Burton, June, 1908.

The Municipal Records of the Borough of Dorchester.

I.

CHARTERS AND OTHER MUNIMENTS.

I.

In Dorchester, in the time of Edward the Confessor, were 172 *houses, rated for ten hides, and two moneyers. There are now* 88 *houses, and* 100 *houses have been wholly destroyed, from the time of Hugh, the Sheriff, until now, etc.*—Domesday, A.D. 1086.

In Dorecestre Tempore Regis Edwardi erant clxxii domus. Hæ pro omni servitio regis se defendebant et geldabant pro x hidis. Scilicet ad opus Huscarlium unam markam argenti exceptis consuetudinibus que pertinent ad firmam noctis. Ibi erant ii Monetarii; quisque eorum reddebat regi unam markam argenti et xx solidos quando moneta vertebatur. Modo sunt ibi quater xx et viii domus, et c penitus destructæ a tempore Hugonis vicecomitis usque nunc.—*Domesday*, fol. 75.

Terra Regis. Rex tenet Dorcestre et Fortitone, etc.—*Ibid.*, fol. 75.

Terra Episcopi Sarisberiensis . . . in Dorecestre i burgensis cum x acris terræ.—*Ibid.* fol. 75*b*.

Terra Abbatiæ Hortunensis. Ad hanc Æcclesiam pertinet . . . in Dorecestre una domus.—*Ibid.* fol. 78*b*.

Terra Elemosinariorum Regis. Bristuard presbyter tenet æcclesias de Dorecestre et Bere et decimas. Ibi pertinent i hida et xx acræ terræ. Valeat iiii libras.—*Ibid.* fol. 79.

II.

Letters Patent from Edward I. granting the petition of his men of the Commonalty of the County of Dorset to make, at their own expence, a Prison at Dorchester, and to detain there the persons indicted for trespass and felony.—12 March, 33 Edward I. (1305). A1.*

Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Omnibus ad quos presentes Littere peruenerint salutem Sciatis quod cum homines nostri Comunitatis Comitatus Dorsetie nobis dederint intelligi quod diuerse felonie et alia dampna quamplura in Comitatu predicto perpetrata sunt occultata et transgressores huiusmodi mala perpetrantes remanent impuniti pro eo quod in eodem comitatu non est aliqua prisona ad malefactores illos castigandos et nobis supplicauerint ut eis concedere velimus quod ipsi sumptibus suis propriis facere possint quandam prisonam in villa nostra Dorcestrie ad malefactores in eodem comitatu deprehensos in eadem prisona secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri iusticiandos Nos eorum supplicacioni annuentes in hac parte concessimus eis et licenciam dedimus quod ipsi prisonam sumptibus suis propriis faciant in villa nostra predicta sicut predictum est [*broken* et] facta prisona illa malefactores et alij de transgressionibus et feloniis indictati quos in comitatu predicto contigerit deprehendi ad eandem prisonam ducantur et in eadem detineantur quousque de eis iusticia fiat secundum legem et consuetudinem supradictas. In cuius rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Marcij anno regni nostri tricesimo tercio [1305].—Newehagh.

On the fold, "Per peticionem de consilio." Fragment of Great Seal of white wax, painted red, endorsed "A Antient petetion for the erecting of a prisson for the County."

III.

Enrolment of Grant by Edward II. to the Bailiffs and Burgesses of Dorchester of the custody of the Borough for five years (and upwards at the King's pleasure) at a rent of £20 per annum, 17 Edward II. (1324).

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc., Salutem Sciatis quod commisimus Balliuis Burgensibus et aliis probis hominibus Burgi

* The letters A1, A2, B1, C1, etc., refer to the List of the Dorchester Records compiled by the late Mr. H. J. Moule, M.A., of Dorchester.

nostri Dorcestrie custodiam burgi predicti habendam cum omnibus ad custodiam illam spectantibus a festo Sancti Michaelis proxime futuro usque ad finem quinque annorum proxime sequentium plenarie completorum et extunc quamdiu nobis placuerit Reddendo inde nobis et heredibus nostris per annum ad scaccarium nostrum Sancti Michaelis viginti libras quamdiu custodiam habuerint supradictam. In cuius, etc., Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium xx die Marcii per peticionem de consilio.—(*Originalia of the Exchequer*, 17 Edward II., rot. 22.)

IV.

Notice of Confirmation by Edward III. of Grant by Edward, his progenitor, to the Burgesses of the fee farm of Dorchester for £20 per annum for ever. The Borough, with Liberties and Free Customs thereto belonging, was worth £16 5s. 0d. per annum. 26 March, 5 Edward III. (1331). A2.

Edwardus dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie, et Dominus Hibernie Vniuersis et singulis Vicecomitibus Maioribus Balliuis Constabularijs Prepositis ac aliis Officiariis et ministris nostris quibuscumque tam infra libertates quam extra salutem Cum Domino E[dwardo] nuper Regi progenitori nostro supplicatum fuerit per Burgenses suos de Dorchestre in Comitatu Dorsetie vt cum ipsi eundem Burgum ad certos terminos annorum per diuersas vices pro viginti libris ad Scaccarium suum annuatim reddendis ex concessione sua ad firmam tenuerint per non modica tempora retroacta et [*or* ac] idem progenitor noster vellet Burgum illum eisdem Burgensibus concedere habendum sibi heredibus et successoribus suis ad feodi firmam imperpetuum ipseque progenitor noster, pro eo quod per inquisicionem per Vicecomitem suum Comitatus predicti de mandato suo captam et in Cancellaria sua retornatam fuit compertum quod non fuit ad dampnum nec preiudicium ipsius progenitoris seu aliorum nec ad diminucionem firme Comitatus predicti si concessisset prefatis Burgensibus dictum Burgum cum pertinenciis habendum in forma predicta vna cum libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ac omnibus aliis ad Burgum illum spectantibus et quod idem Burgus cum pertinenciis valeat per annum iuxta verum valorem eiusdem sexdecim libras et quinque solidos et similiter per certificacionem Thesaurarii et Baronum de Scaccario suo in Cancellariam suam de mandato suo missam ei constabat quod pro Burgo illo sibi per annum

per Firmarios eiusdem Burgi de viginti libris ad maius temporibus quorumdam progenitorum suorum et suis quibus ad firmam dimissus extiterat ad dictum Scaccarium responsum fuit, idemque nuper progenitor noster per finem quem prefati Burgenses fecerunt cum ipso progenitore nostro ipsorum supplicaconi condescendens in ea parte per cartam suam quam confirmauimus concesserit pro se et heredibus suis prefatis Burgensibus Burgum predictum cum pertinenciis habendum et tenendum sibi et heredibus et successoribus suis vna cum libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ac omnibus aliis ad dictum Burgum spectantibus de ipso progenitore nostro et heredibus suis ad feodi firmam imperpetuum Reddendo sibi et heredibus suis per annum ad Scaccarium suum viginti libras vnam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium suum Sancti Michaelis et aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium suum Pasche et alia onera eidem firme prius incumbencia sustinendo Quare idem nuper progenitor noster voluit et firmiter precipiebat pro se et heredibus suis quod predicti Burgenses heredes et successores sui haberent et tenerent Burgum predictum vna cum libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et omnibus aliis ad dictum Burgum spectantibus de ipso progenitore nostro et heredibus suis ad feodi firmam imperpetuum Reddendo sibi et heredibus suis per annum ad Scaccarium suum viginti libras ad terminos supradictos et alia onera eidem firme prius incumbencia sustinendo sicut predictum est prout in dicta carta ipsius progenitoris nostri plenius continetur. Vobis mandamus quod nunc Burgenses nostros Burgi predicti Burgum predictum cum pertinenciis habere et tenere permittatis iuxta tenorem carte et confirmacionis predictarum ipsos contra tenorem earumdem non molestantes in aliquo seu grauantes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xxvj die Marcij Anno regni nostri quinto.—Bagot.

The seal, attached to a slip at the foot of the deed, has perished.

V.

Enrolment of Grant by Edward III. to the Burgesses of Dorchester, for a fine of 40 sh., of the custody of the Borough, for ten years, at a rent of £20 per annum, formerly assigned to Isabella, his mother. 5 June, 5 Edward III. (1331).

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc., salutem Sciatis quod cum Burgus noster Dorcestria in Comitatu Dors' in manibus Burgensium ejusdem Burgi, pro annua firma sexdecim librarum

ad Scaccarium nostrum inde reddendarum antiquitus extitisset, et eadem firma tempore celebris memorie Domini E. nuper Regis Anglie patris nostri ad viginti libras per annum augmentata et postmodum Isabelle Regine Anglie matri nostre carissime ad terminum vite sue habenda assignata fuisset, et per redditionem ipsius matris nostre in manu nostra jam existat. Nos per finem quadraginta solidorum quem prefati Burgenses fecerunt nobiscum, et ne ipsi per aliquem custodem Burgi aliqualiter valeant inquietari, concessimus eis Burgum predictum; Habendum ad firmam a die Pasche proximo præterito usque ad finem decem annorum proximo sequentium completorum, Reddendo inde nobis per annum ad Scaccarium nostrum viginti libras, unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum Sancti Michaelis, et aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum Pasche. In cuius, etc. Teste Rege apud Villam de Sancto Edmundo quinto die Junii. Per Billam Thesaurarii.—(*Originalia of Exchequer*, 5 Edward III. rot. 13. Madox, *Firma Burgi*, p. 20, footnote).

VI.

Edward III. to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer. Order to certify the Fee Farm of the Borough of Dorchester, with their Return, that from 1221-2 *the Men of Dorchester paid* £20 *blank per ann. for the Farm of their Vill until* 1236-7, *at which date Walter de Burgh, then custos of the King's Demesnes, accounted for* £16 *for the said Farm, and from thence to* 1323-4 *the said sum of* £16 *was paid, at which time Walter Berill held the Vill to farm for* £20 *per ann., and thenceforwards the Men of the Borough held it for five years, and afterwards by another grant,* 1331, *for ten years, at the same rent of* £20.—1 March, 11 Edward III. (1337).

Precept by the King to the Sheriff of Dorset to enquire whether it would be to the King's damage to grant the Borough to the Burgesses.—28 March, 11 Edward III., *with a copy of the Inquisition, taken by Hildebrand of London, the Sheriff.*

The Jury found that it was not to the King's damage to grant to the Burgesses and their successors the said Borough with its liberties, free customs, and all other things regarding it, to fee farm for £20.

The Borough was worth £16 5s. 0d., *viz., Rents of Assize* 73 *sh., Broken Assize of Bread and Beer* 70 *sh., Pleas and Perquisites of Courts, etc.,* 52 *sh., Three Fairs at feasts of H. Trinity,*

Nativity of St. John Baptist, and St. James, 20 *sh., Three Markets weekly, viz. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays,* 57 *sh., and Right of Weighing around the Borough,* 53 *sh. This right extended from Dorchester to La Ridedich beyond Wynterborne St. Martin, thence to the ash in the middle of Maydene Newtone, thence to Puttestable, thence to Sherborne on the Greyne, nigh the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr, thence to Kingstake [Kingstag], thence to Haifordesbrigge, Blandfordesbrigge, Craufordesbrigge, and to the bridge of Stourminstre Marshal, thence to Wirgerede [Worgret], and thence by the bank of the Frome, on the north side, to Eastwordesford, to Frarenemayne and Dorchestre.*—Inquisition taken on Sunday after the feast of St. Mark, 11 Edward III. (1337). A 30.*

Edwardus, Dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Acquitanie Thesaurario et Baronibus de Scaccario Salutem. Quia quibusdam certis de causis cerciorari volumus quantum Burgenses ville de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsetie seu alij quibus dicta Villa per progenitores nostros seu nos ad certam firmam dimissa fuit per annum dictis progenitoribus nostris aut nobis pro firma Ville illius ad scaccarium nostrum per Annum reddere Consueverunt, Et de quanto progenitoribus nostris predictis seu nobis de exitibus Ville predicte temporibus quibus eadem Villa in manibus dictorum progenitorum nostrorum seu in manu nostra extitit ad dictum Scaccarium responsum fuit per Annum, vobis mandamus quod scrutatis Rotulis et memorandis de Scaccario predicto nos de eo quod inde inveneritis reddatis in Cancellaria nostra sub sigillo Scaccarij predicti distincte et aperte sine dilacione cerciores, Remittentes nobis hoc breve. Teste me ipso apud Turrim London Primo die Marcij Anno Regni nostri Vndecimo. [1337].

Certificacio super contentis in hoc brevi patet in cedula eidem brevi tachiata.

Scrutatis Rotulis et memorandis Scaccarij vestri super contentis in brevi vestro Regio, quod vobis remittimus presentibus interclusum, Compertum est Quod Anno regni Domini Henrici quondam Regis Anglie proavi vestri sexto [1221-2] exigebantur primo sub nomine hominum de Dorchester xx^{li} blanci de firma ville sue que extunc sic exigebantur annuatim usque Annum regni eiusdem proavi vestri vicesimum primum

* The charter in which these proceedings culminated is not preserved among the Dorchester Records, but it is recited in the Confirmation by Richard II. It was dated 26th June 1337. See No. VIII.

[1236-7] quo Anno Walterus de Burgo tunc Custos dominicorum ipsius proavi vestri in Compoto suo de eisdem Dominicis respondit de sexdecim libris de firma Ville Dorchestre de eodem anno vicesimo primo et de xvj^{li} de eadem de Anno Regni dicti proavi vestri Vicesimo secundo, et ab Anno Regni ipsius proavi vestri Vicesimo quinto exigebantur Annatim xvj^{li} de firma Ville predicte vsque Annum Regni Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie patris vestri Decimum Septimum [1323-4] quo anno Walterus Berill habuit dictam Villam ad firmam ad voluntatem eiusdem patris vestri reddendo Viginti libras per annum, et ab eodem Anno Decimo septimo Burgenses et alij homines Burgi Dorchestre habuerunt dictum Burgum ad firmam ad terminum Quinque Annorum Reddendo inde Viginti libras per annum et postmodum ijdem Burgenses habuerunt eundem Burgum ad firmam, ex concessione vestro per aliam Comissionem a festo Pasche Anno Regni vestri Quinto [1331] vsque ad terminum Decem Annorum Reddendo inde Viginti libras annatim.

EDWARDUS Dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Acquitanie, Vicecomiti Dorsetie salutem, Precipimus tibi quod per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de Balliva tua per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit diligenter inquiras si sit ad dampnum vel preiudicium nostrum aut aliorum seu diminucionem firme Comitatus predicti si concedamus dilectis nobis Burgensibus nostris de Dorchestre in Comitatu predicto Burgum nostrum predictum Habendum et tenendum eisdem Burgensibus ac eorum heredibus et Successoribus Burgensibus Burgi illius vna cum libertatibus liberis consuetudinibus et omnibus alijs ad Burgum illum qualitercunque spectantibus de nobis et heredibus nostris ad feodi firmam imperpetuum necne. Et si sit ad dampnum vel preiudicium nostrum aut aliorum seu diminucionem firme Comitatus predicti, tunc ad quod dampnum et ad quod preiudicium nostrum et ad quod dampnum et ad quod preiudicium aliorum et quam diminucionem firme Comitatus illius et qualiter et quo modo et quantum Burgus predictus valeat per Annum in omnibus exitibus iuxta verum valorem eiusdem, et in quibus proficua ad eundem Burgum spectantia consistunt, Et inquisicionem inde distincte et aperte factam sub sigillo tuo et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit sine dilacione mittas et hoc breve. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xxviij° die Marcij Anno regni nostri vndecimo. Per Consilium.

Ego Hildebrandus de London vicecomes cepi Inquisicionem

secundum tenorem huius brevis quam quidem Inquisicionem vobis mitto huic consutam.

INQUISICIO capta apud Dorchestre per preceptum Domini Regis per breve suum coram Hildebrando de London Vicecomite Dorsetie ad inquirendum de articulis in dicto brevi contentis assignatum die Dominica proxima post festum Sancti Marci Evangeliste Anno Regni Regis Edwardi Tercij a conquestu Vndecimo [1337] per sacramentum Johannis de Burtone Walteri Harang Johannis de Ludeforde Johannis de Stroude Thome de Mari Nicholai de Montifforti Willielmi Jurdan Laurencii de Bosco Willielmi Thomelyn Johannis Barfought Johannis de Firmerie et Roberti Bassett Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod non est ad dampnum vel preiudicium Domini Regis nec aliorum nec ad diminucionem firme Comitatus predicti si idem Dominus Rex concedat Burgensibus suis de Dorchestre in Comitatu predicto Burgum suum predictum Habendum et tenendum eisdem Burgensibus et eorum heredibus et Successoribus Burgensibus Burgi illius vna cum libertatibus liberis consuetudinibus et omnibus alijs ad Burgum illum qualitercunque spectantibus de dicto Domino Rege et heredibus suis ad feodi firmam imperpetuum. Et dicunt quod Burgus predictus cum pertinenciis valet per Annum in omnibus exitibus iuxta verum valorem eiusdem Sexdecem libras et Quinque solidos et dicunt quod proficua ad eundem Burgum Annatim spectantia consistunt in Sexaginta et Tresdecem solidis Redditus assise per annum. In assisa fracta panis et cervicie que valet per annum Sexaginta et Decem solidos. In omnibus placitis infra dictum Burgum emergentibus et perquisitis Curiarum waifiis extrauris Sanguinum effusione et hutesii leuacione, que valent per annum Quinquaginta et duos solidos. In tribus nundinis ad festa Sancte Trinitatis Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste et Sancti Jacobi videlicet quolibet festo per vnum diem Que valeant per Annum Viginti solidos. In tribus mercatis singula ebdomade per annum videlicet diebus Mercurij Veneris et Sabbati de quibuscunque custumis ad mercata spectantibus que valent per annum Quinquaginta et septem Solidos. Et in pesagio omnium rerum aliquo modo ponderatarum per certa loca circa Burgum predictum videlicet de Burgo predicto vsque La Ridedich extra Wynterborne Sancti Martini, et ab illo loco vsque ad fraxinum in medio ville de Maydene Newtone, et ab eodem loco vsque Puttestable, et ab inde vsque Sherborne supra Greyne iuxta Capellam beati Thome Martiris circumquaque

et ab inde vsque Kingestake, et ab inde vsque Haifordesbrigge, Blandfordesbrigge, Craufordesbrigge, et abinde vsque pontem de Stourminstre Marshal, et ab inde vsque Wirgerede, et ab inde per ripam de Frome in parte boreali vsque Eastwordesford, et ab inde vsque Frarenemayne, et ab inde vsque Dorchestre, quod pesagium valet per Annum Quinquaginta et Tres solidos. In cuius rei testimonium huic Inquisicioni predicti Jurati sigilla sua apposuerunt, date die loco et anno supradictis.

Endorsed "Copia ex Record' Turris London annuij valaroris [*sic*] Burg: de Dorchester et in quibus cons'tit 11° E. 3 et tempore H. 3. vere' examinat'."

"For the farme of the toll Courts of Reccord, wzts & market w^t other p'quesits."

VII.

Notice by Edward III. to the Bailiffs of his vill of Dorchester to pay to Peter de Brugge yearly for his life £20, the farm of the vill, on account of his good service to the King and Isabella his daughter.—8 July, 31 Edward III. (1357). A3.

Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Balliuis ville nostre de Dorcestre qui nunc sunt vel qui pro tempore erunt salutem. Cum de gratia nostra speciali et pro bono seruicio quod dilectus nobis Petrus de Brugge tam nobis quam Isabelle filie nostre carissime impendit et impendet in futuro et in recompencionem vadiorum que de nobis aut de dicta filia nostra vt valettus de officio percipere consueuit concessimus eidem Petro illas viginti libras annuas quas vos pro firma ville predicte nobis ad scaccarium nostrum reddere tenemini Habendum et percipiendum singulis annis per manus vestras ad terminos consuetos per equales porciones ad totam vitam ipsius Petri vel quousque pro statu suo aliter duxerimus ordinandum prout in literis nostris patentibus inde confectis plenius continetur vobis mandamus quod eidem Petro de dictis viginti libris annuis de firma ville vestre predicte terminis consuetis intendentes sitis et respondentes iuxta tenorem literarum nostrarum predictarum. Et nos vobis inde ad scaccarium nostrum debitam allocacionem habere faciemus. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium viij die Julij anno regni nostri Anglie tricesimo primo, regni vero nostri Francie decimo octavo. Per breve de privato sigillo.—Bank.

Small seal of white wax, nearly perished, attached to a slip of the deed.

VIII.

Inspeximus and Confirmation by Richard II. of the Charter of Edward, his grandfather, to the Burgesses of Dorchester, by which the latter had granted and confirmed the said Borough to the Burgesses, 26 June, 11 Edward III., for a rent of £20 per annum for ever.—13 June, 19 Richard II. (1396). A4.

Ricardus dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem Inspeximus cartam domini E[dwardi] nuper Regis Anglie Aui nostri Burgensibus nostris de Dorchestre in Comitatu Dorsetie factam in hec verba Edwardus dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem. Supplicaverunt nobis Burgenses nostri de Dorchestre in comitatu Dorsetie ut cum ipsi eundem Burgum ad certos terminos annorum per diuersas vices pro viginti libris ad scaccarium nostrum annuatim reddendis ex concessione nostra ad firmam tenuerint per non modica tempora retroacta Velimus Burgum illum eisdem Burgensibus concedere Habendum sibi heredibus et successoribus suis ad feodi firmam imperpetuum Nos pro eo quod per inquisicionem per vicecomitem nostrum Comitatus predicti de mandato nostro captam et in Cancellariam nostram retornatam est compertum quod non est ad dampnum nec preiudicium nostrum seu aliorum nec ad diminucionem firme Comitatus predicti si concedamus prefatis Burgensibus dictum Burgum cum pertinenciis habendum in forma predicta vna cum libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ac omnibus alijs ad Burgum illum spectantibus et quod idem Burgus cum pertinenciis valet per annum iuxta verum valorem eiusdem sexdecim libras et quinque solidos et similiter per certificacionem Thesaurarii et Baronum de scaccario nostro in Cancellariam nostram de mandato nostro missam nobis constat quod pro Burgo illo nobis per annum per firmarios eiusdem Burgi de viginti libris ad maius temporibus quorumdam progenitorum nostrorum et nostris quibus ad firmam dimissus extitit ad dictum scaccarium responsum fuit volentes per finem quem prefati Burgenses fecerunt nobiscum ipsorum supplicacioni condescendere in hac parte concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris et hac carta nostra confirmavimus prefatis Burgensibus Burgum predictum cum pertinen-

ciis habendum et tenendum sibi heredibus et successoribus suis vna cum libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ac omnibus alijs ad dictum Burgum spectantibus de nobis et heredibus nostris ad feodi firmam imperpetuum Reddendo inde nobis et heredibus nostris per annum ad scaccarium nostrum viginti libras vnam videlicet medietatem ad scaccarium nostrum Sancti Michaelis et aliam medietatem ad scaccarium nostrum Pasche et alia onera eidem firme prius incumbencia sustinendo Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predicti Burgenses heredes et successores sui habeant et teneant Burgum predictum vna cum libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et omnibus alijs ad dictum Burgum spectantibus de nobis et heredibus nostris ad feodi firmam imperpetuum Reddendo inde nobis et heredibus nostris per annum ad scaccarium nostrum viginti libras ad terminos supradictos et alia onera eidem firme prius incumbencia sustinendo sicut predictum est, Hijs testibus venerabilibus Prioribus Johanne Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo tocius Anglie Primate Ricardo Dunelmensi Episcopo magistro Roberto de Stretford Archidiacono Cantuariensi Cancellario nostro Magistro Willielmo la Zousche Decano ecclesie beati Petri Eboracensis Thesaurario nostro Ricardo Comite Arundell Roberto de Vfford Comite Suffolcie Henrico de Ferrarijs Radulpho Basset de Drayton Johanne Darcy Senescallo hospicij nostri et aliis Datum per manum nostram apud Stannford vicesimo sexto die Junij Anno regni nostri vndecimo—Nos autem concessionem et confirmacionem predictas et omnia et singula in dicta carta contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est nunc Burgensibus nostris Burgi predicti et eorum heredibus et successoribus Burgensibus eiusdem Burgi tenore presencium concedimus et confirmamus prout carta predicta racionabiliter testatur et prout ijdem nunc Burgenses, et eorum antecessores Burgenses Burgi predicti burgum illum tempore confeccionis carte predicte habuerunt et tenuerunt ac liberis consuetudinibus predictis et omnibus alijs ad Burgum illum spectantibus a tempore predicto racionabiliter vsi sunt et gauisi. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium tercio decimo die Junij Anno regni nostri decimo nono. Bubbewyth. Pro quatuor marcis solutis in hanaperio.

On the fold, "Examinatur per Nicholaum Bubbewyth et Henricum Malpas, clericos."

Portion of broad seal of green wax, suspended by red and green plaited silk cords.

Endorsed "19th R. 2. The confirmatiõ of Kyng Ry: the secound, for the Fee Farme of Dorchest' to the burgesses of Dorchest'" ["granted by King Edward" added in a later hand]. "N. 1."

Large letter in red and blue for Ricardus, with ornamentation, and red capitals for *R*ex, *F*rancie, and *H*ibernie, and blue capitals for *A*nglie and *D*ominus. "19 R. 2" written in small letters over Ricardus.

IX.

Inspeximus of Henry IV. confirming the Letters Patent of Richard II., in confirmation of the Charter of Edward, his grandfather.—See No. VIII. 25 May, 1 Henry IV. (1400). A. 7.

Henricus dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Inspeximus litteras patentes domini R[icardi] Regis Anglie secundi post conquestum de confirmacione factas in hec verba Ricardus dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem Inspeximus cartam domini E[dwardi] nuper Regis Anglie Aui nostri Burgensibus nostris de Dorchestre in Comitatu Dorsetie factam in hec verba Edwardus [as in No. VIII.] . . . Anno regni nostri decimo nono. Nos autem concessiones et confirmaciones predictas et omnia et singula in litteris predictis contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est nunc Burgensibus nostris Burgi predicti ac eorum heredibus et successoribus Burgensibus eiusdem Burgi tenore presencium concedimus et confirmamus imperpetuum prout littere predicte racionabiliter testantur et prout ijdem nunc Burgenses et eorum antecessores Burgenses Burgi predicti Burgum illum a tempore confeccionis carte et confirmacionis predictarum habuerunt et tenuerunt ac libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus predictis ac omnibus aliis ad Burgum illum spectantibus a tempore predicto semper hactenus racionabiliter vsi sunt et gauisi. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quinto die Maij Anno regni nostri primo.—Shelford. Pro centum solidis solutis in hanaperio.

On the fold, "Examinatur per Johannem Hertilpole et Henricum Shelford clericos."

Broad seal (imperfect), of green wax, suspended by violet and white cords of silk.

Fine illuminated initial letter to "Henricus." The initial letters of Rex, Anglie, Francie, Dominus, Hibernie, Omnibus, Inspeximus and Edwardus are in blue.

Endorsed "H. 4. Confirmacon of the Fee Ferme." In a modern hand, "25 May, 1 Henry 4."

X.

Letters Patent of Henry V. pardoning and releasing to the Bailiffs and Commonalty of Dorchester all trespasses, offences, misprisions, contempts and impeachments perpetrated by them before the 8th of December, 2 Henry V., in contravention of the Act, 1 Henry IV., and all felonies, etc., perpetrated by them before the said 8th of December, except murders committed after the 19th November then last past, etc.—24 March, 4 Henry V. (1416). A. 8.

Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem Sciatis quod de gracia nostra speciali de assensu dominorum spiritualium et temporalium ac ad requisicionem Communitatum regni nostri Anglie in parliamento nostro apud Westmonasterium Anno regni nostri secundo tento existencium pardonauimus et relaxauimus Balliuis et Communitati de Dorchestre omnimodos transgressiones offensas mesprisiones contemptus et impeticiones per ipsos ante octauum diem Decembris dicto Anno secundo contra formam statutorum [1 Henry IV.] de liberatis pannorum et capuciorum factos siue perpetratos, Vnde punicio caderet in finem et redempcionem aut in alias penas pecuniarias seu imprisonamenta Statutis predictis non obstantibus. Ita tamen quod presentes pardonacio et relaxacio non cedant in dampnum preiudicium vel derogacionem alicuius alterius persone quam nostre duntaxat. Et insuper ex mero motu nostro ob reuerenciam dei et caritatis intuitu pardonauimus eisdem Balliuis et Communitati sectam pacis nostre que ad nos versus ipsos pertinet pro omnimodis prodicionibus murdris raptibus mulierum rebellionibus insurreccionibus feloniis conspiracionibus ac aliis transgressionibus offensis negligenciis extorsionibus mesprisionibus ignoranciis contemptibus concelamentis et decepcionibus per ipsos ante dictum octauum diem Decembris

qualitercumque factis siue perpetratis murdris per ipsos post decimum nonum diem Novembris tunc ultimo preteritum perpetratis si que fuerint exceptis vnde indictati rectati vel appellati existunt Aceciam vtlagarias si que in ipsos hiis occasionibus fuerint promulgate et firmam pacem nostram eis inde concedimus Dumtamen ijdem Balliui et Communitas contrafactores mistere monete et cunagij multiplicatores et lotores auri et argenti cum cuneo nostro cunati et tonsores monete nostre probatores communes et notorij latrones seu felones qui abjuraciones fecerunt non existant. Ita tamen quod stent recto in curia nostra siquis versus eos loqui voluerit de premissis vel aliquo premissorum. Et vlterius de vberiori gracia nostra pardonauimus et relaxauimus eisdem Balliuis et Communitati omnimoda escapia felonum catalla felonum et fugitiuorum catalla vtlagatorum et felonum de se deodanda vasta impeticiones ac omnimodos articulos itineris destrucciones et transgressiones de viridi vel venacione vendicionem boscorum infra forestas et extra et aliarum rerum quarumcumque ante dictum octauum diem Decembris infra regnum nostrum Anglie et partes Wallie emersa et eventa Vnde punicio caderet in demandam debitum seu finem et redempcionem aut in alias penas pecuniarias seu in forisfacturam bonorum et catallorum aut imprisonamenta seu amerciamenta Communitatum Villarum vel singularium personarum vel in oneracionem liberi tenementi eorum qui nunquam transgressi fuerunt vt heredum executorum vel terre tenencium Escaetorum Vicecomitum Coronatorum et aliorum huiusmodi et omne id quod ad nos versus ipsos pertinere posset ex causis supradictis. Aceciam omnimodas donaciones alienaciones et perquisiciones per ipsos de terris et tenementis de nobis vel progenitoribus nostris quondam Regibus Anglie in capite tentis. Aceciam donaciones alienaciones et perquisiciones ad manum mortuam factas et habitas absque licencia regia necnon omnimodos intrusiones et ingressus per ipsos in hereditatem suam in parte vel in toto post mortem antecessorum suorum absque debita prosecucione eiusdem extra manum regiam ante eundem octauum diem Decembris factos vna cum exitibus et proficuis inde medio tempore perceptis. Aceciam pardonauimus et relaxauimus prefatis Balliuis et Communitati omnimodos fines adiudicatos amerciamenta exitus forisfactos releuia scutagia ac omnimoda debita compota prestita arreragia firmarum et compotorum nobis vicecimo primo die Marcij [the date of Henry V.'s accession] Anno regni

nostri primo qualitercumque debita et pertinencia necnon omnimodas acciones et demandas quas nos solus versus ipsos vel nos coniunctim cum aliis personis seu persona habemus seu habere poterimus Aceciam vltagarias in ipsos promulgatas pro aliqua causarum supradictarum. Et insuper pardonauimus et relaxauimus eisdem Balliuis et Communitati omnimodas penas ante eundem octauum diem Decembris forisfactas coram nobis seu consilio nostro Cancellario Thesaurario seu aliquo Judicum nostrorum pro aliqua causa et omnes alias penas tam nobis quam carissimo patri nostro defuncto pro aliqua causa ante eundem octauum diem Decembris similiter forisfactas et ad opus nostrum levandas ac omnimodas securitates pacis ante illum octauum diem Decembris forisfactas Ita quod presens pardonacio nostra quo ad premissa seu aliquod premissorum non cedat in dampnum preiudicium vel derogacionem alicuius alterius persone quam persone nostre dumtaxat. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quarto die Marcij anno regni nostri quarto. Shelford.

Per ipsum Regem.

Fragment of seal, of green wax, suspended by red and green plaited silk cords. Ornamental initial letter in red and blue.

Endorsed, " P'don p' H. 4." In a modern hand, " Pardon 24th March, 4th Henry." [Mistake for Henry V.].

XI.

Inspeximus of Henry V. confirming the Letters Patent of Henry IV. in confirmation of the Letters Patent of Richard II., confirming the Charter of Edward, his grandfather, to the Burgesses of Dorchester.—12 Nov., 8 Henry V. (1420). A. 6.

Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Inspeximus Litteras patentes Domini H[enrici] nuper Regis Anglie Aui nostri de confirmacione factas in hec verba [No. IX.] Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Inspeximus litteras patentes domini Ricardi nuper Regis Anglie secundi post conquestum de confirmacione factas in hec verba. Ricardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem Inspeximus cartam domini E[dwardi] nuper

Regis Anglie Aui nostri Burgensibus nostris de Dorchestre in Comitatu Dorsetie factam in hec verba—Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem Supplicarunt [as in No. VIII.] . . . . Anno regni nostri decimo nono—Nos autem concessiones et confirmaciones predictas . . . . [as in No. IX.]. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quinto die Maij Anno regni nostri primo.—Nos autem cartam et litteras predictas huiusmodi libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et omnibus aliis ad dictum Burgum spectantibus minime reuocatis de auisamento et assensu dominorum spiritualium et temporalium in Parliamento nostro apud Westmonasterium anno regni nostri primo tento existentium acceptamus approbamus et nunc Burgensibus ville predicte et successoribus suis confirmamus prout carta et littere predicte racionabiliter testantur et prout ijdem Burgenses et eorum antecessores libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et omnibus aliis ad Burgum predictum spectantibus a tempore confeccionis carte et litterarum predictarum semper hactenus racionabiliter vti et gaudere consueuerunt. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Novembris Anno regni nostri octauo. Frank.

Per ipsum Regem et consilium suum in Parliamento.

On the fold, "Examinatur per Johannem Frank et Thomam Smyth clericos."

Broad seal of green wax, nearly perfect, suspended by cords of white and green silk.

Blank place left for the initial letter of Henricus.

Endorsed, "H.V. Confirmacon of the Fee Ferme."

Modern endorsement, "12 Novr., 8 Henry. Confirmation of Grant of the Fee Farm granted by Richard 2d, on paymt of £20 p ann."

XII.

Inspeximus and exemplification of the Statute, 9 *Henry VI., c.* 6 (1430-1), *providing that the Burgesses of Dorchester be not disturbed by the Act* 8 *Henry VI., c.* 5, *in their right to use their weighing by twelve miles round the Borough.*—12 March, 23 Henry VI. (1445). A. 9.

Henricus dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus

Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Inspeximus quandam responsionem per nos de auisamento dominorum spiritualium et temporalium ac communitatis regni nostri Anglie in parliamento nostro apud Westmonasterium die Veneris proximo ante festum Sancti Hillarij anno regni nostri nono cuidam peticioni nobis in eodem parliamento per Communitatem predictam pro Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi nostri de Dorchestre in comitatu Dorsetie exhibite factam et in rotulis eiusdem parliamenti irrotulatam in hec verba. Ordine est et assentuz que per force del estatut [8 Henry VI., c. 5] fait en le darrein parlement dez poises accordantz a lestandard de leschequer a estre euz en chescun Citee Burgh on ville deinz le roialme ne soient les Burgeys del Burgh de Dorchestre destourbes de lour droit de vser lour poisure per xij leuges enuiron mesme le Burgh vsant toutz foitz tielx poises come en le dit estatut soit exprimez et que null droit on title de poisure soit accrue a ascuny per force del dit darrein estatuit en destourbance del droit des Burgeis del Burgh de Dorchestre desuis dit Nos autem tenorem irrotulamenti responsionis predicte duximus exemplificandum per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xij die Marcij Anno regni nostri vicecimo tercio.—KIRKEBY.

On the fold, "Examinatur per Thomam Kirkeby et Johannem Cammell, clericos."

Fragment of broad seal of white wax, suspended by a slip of parchment.

Endorsed "Carta Burgi de Dorchester pro mensuris et ponderibus habendis per xij millaria."

"Hen: 6: 23 yere."

XIII.

Letters Patent of Henry VI., granting to the Bailiffs and Burgesses of Dorchester a pardon of offences committed before the 9th day of April last past.—12 Nov., 25 Henry VI. (1446). A. 10.

Henricus dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali et ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pardonauimus remisimus et relaxauimus Burgensibus Burgi nostri de Dorchestre in Comitatu Dorsetie alias dictis Burgensibus ville

nostre de Dorchestre alias dictis Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi nostri de Dorchestre alias dictis Balliuis et Burgensibus Ville nostre de Dorchestre seu quibuscumque aliis nominibus censeantur omnimodos transgressiones offensas mesprisiones contemptus, et impeticiones per ipsos Balliuos et Burgenses ante nonum diem Aprilis ultimo preteritum contra formam statutorum [1 Henry IV.] de liberatis pannorum et capiciorum factos siue perpetratos vnde punicio caderet in finem et redempcionem aut in alias penas pecuniarias aut imprisonamenta, statutis predictis non obstantibus. Et insuper ex motu et sciencia nostris pardonauimus remisimus et relaxauimus eisdem Balliuis et Burgensibus sectam pacis nostre que ad nos versus ipsos pertinet pro omnimodis prodicionibus murdris raptibus mulierum rebellionibus insurreccionibus feloniis conspiracionibus cambipartiis manutenenciis imbraciariis ac aliis transgressionibus offencis negligenciis extorsionibus meprisionibus ignoranciis contemptibus concelamentis forisfacturis et decepcionibus per ipsos Balliuos et Burgenses ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis qualitercumque factis siue perpetratis Aceciam vtlagarias si que in ipsos Balliuos et Burgenses hiis occasionibus seu earum aliqua fuerint promulgate et firmam pacem nostram eis inde concedimus, Ita tamen quod stent recto in Curia nostra siquis versus eos loqui voluerit de premissis vel aliquo premissorum. Dumtamen ijdem Balliui et Burgenses proditores de aliqua prodicione personam nostram tangente palam vel occulte non existant. Et vlterius pardonauimus remisimus et relaxauimus eisdem Balliuis et Burgensibus omnimoda escapia felonum catalla felonum et fugitiuorum catalla vtlagatorum et felonum de se deodanda vasta impeticiones ac omnimodos articulos itineris destrucciones et transgressiones de viridi vel venacione vendicionem boscorum infra forestas et extra et aliarum rerum quarumcumque ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis infra regnum nostrum Anglie et marchias emersa' et euenta' vnde punicio caderet in demandam debitum seu in finem et redempcionem aut in alias penas pecuniarias seu in forisfacturam bonorum et catallorum aut imprisonamenta seu amerciamenta Communitatum Villarum vel singularium personarum vel in oneracionem liberi tenementi eorum qui numquam transgressi fuerunt vt heredum executorum vel terre tenencium Escaetorum Vicecomitum Coronatorum et aliorum huiusmodi et omne id quod ad nos versus ipsos Balliuos et Burgenses pertinet seu pertinere posset ex causis supradictis. Aceciam pardonauimus remisimus et relaxauimus eisdem

Balliuis et Burgensibus omnimodas donaciones alienaciones et perquisiciones per ipsos de terris et tenementis de nobis vel progenitoribus nostris quondam Regibus Anglie in capite tentis Aceciam omnimodas donaciones et perquisiciones ad manum mortuam factas et habitas absque licencia regia. Necnon omnimodos intrusiones et ingressus in hereditatem suam in parte vel in toto post mortem antecessorum suorum absque debita prosecucione eiusdem extra manum regiam ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis factos vna cum exitibus et proficuis inde medio tempore perceptis. Et insuper pardonauimus remisimus et relaxauimus eisdem Balliuis et Burgensibus omnimodas penas ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis forisfactas coram nobis seu consilio nostro Cancellario Thesaurario seu aliquo Judicum nostrorum pro aliqua causa et omnes alias penas tam nobis quam Carissimo patri nostro defuncto per ipsos Balliuos et Burgenses pro aliqua causa ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis forisfactas et ad opus nostrum leuandas. Ac omnimodas securitates pacis ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis similiter forisfactas Aceciam tercias et terciarum tercias omnimodorum prisonariorum in guerra captorum nobis dicto nono die Aprilis qualitercumque debitas pertinentes seu spectantes per eosdem Balliuos et Burgenses, Necnon omnimodos transgressiones offensas mesprisiones contemptus et impeticiones per ipsos Balliuos et Burgenses ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis contra formam tam quorumcumque statutorum ordinacionum et prouisionum ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis factorum seu editorum de perquisicionibus acceptacionibus leccionibus publicacionibus notificacionibus et execucionibus quibuscumque quarumcumque litterarum et bullarum apostolicarum ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis et omnium aliorum statutorum ordinacionum et prouisionum, pretextu quorum aliqua secta versus eosdem Balliuos et Burgenses per billam vel per breve de premunire factam seu alio modo quocumque pro aliqua materia ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis fieri valeat quam quorumcumque aliorum statutorum factos siue perpetratos, statutis ordinacionibus et prouisionibus illis non obstantibus. Aceciam pardonauimus remisimus et relaxauimus eisdem Balliuis et Burgensibus omnimodos fines adiudicatos amerciamenta exitus forisfactos releuia scutagia ac omnimoda debita compota prestita arreragia firmarum et compotorum nobis ante primum diem Septembris Anno regni nostri vicesimo qualitercumque debita et pertinencia. Necnon omnimodas acciones et demandas quas nos solus vel nos coniunctim cum

aliis personis vel alia persona habemus seu habere poterimus versus ipsos Balliuos et Burgenses pro aliquibus huiusmodi finibus amerciamentis exitibus releuiis scutagiis debitis compotis prestitis et arreragiis ante eundum primum diem Septembris nobis debitis. Aceciam vtlagarias in ipsos Balliuos et Burgenses promulgatas pro aliqua causarum supradictarum omnimodis debitis et compotis nobis debitis et pertinentibus que vigore harum litterarum nostrarum patencium seu brevium nostrorum de magno vel priuato sigillo aut per estallamenta siue assignaciones respectuata existunt omnino exceptis. Ita quod presens pardonacio nostra quo ad premissa seu aliquod premissorum non cedat in dampnum et preiudicium vel derogacionem alicuius alterius persone quam nostre dumtaxat. Proviso semper quod nulla huiusmodi pardonacio nostra aliquo modo valeat allocetur nec fiat nec aliqualiter se extendat ad Alianoram Cobeham* filiam Reginaldi Cobeham militis Johannem Bolton de Bolton in Comitatu Lancastrie Bladsmyth Willielmum Wyghale nuper Custodem gaole nostre de Notyngham nec ad eorum aliquem neque ad feloniam de morte Cristofori Talbot militis felonice interfecti nuper perpetratam nec quod presens pardonacio nostra nec aliqua huiusmodi pardonacio nostra aliqualiter se extendat quo ad aliquas lanas seu pelles lanutas siue alias mercandisas de stapula ad aliquas partes exteras extra regnum nostrum Anglie contra formam statuti in parliamento nostro apud Westmonasterium in Crastino Sancti Martini Anno regni nostri decimo octavo tento editi seu aliquorum aliorum statutorum cariatas et traductas nec ad aliquas forisfacturas nobis in hac parte pertinentes siue spectantes nec ad exoneraciones siue acquietaciones aliquarum personarum de punicionibus super ipsas fiendis iuxta formam eorumdem statutorum pro aliquibus lanis siue pellibus lanutis vel aliis mercandisis de stapula ad aliquas huiusmodi partes exteras contra formam eorumdem statutorum cariatis siue traductis nec quod presens pardonacio nostra nec aliqua huiusmodi pardonacio nostra ad aliquos magnos computantes nostros, videlicet ad Thesaurarios Calesie et hospicij nostri Vitellarios Calesie Camerarios Cestrie North Wallie et Suth Wallie Custodes garderobe hospicij nostri aut Custodes magne garderobe nostre aut Custodes siue clericos gardrobe nostre Clericos operacionum nostrarum Constabularios Burdegall Thesaurarios terre nostre Hibernie et Receptores Ducatus nostri Lancastrie et Ducatus

* Wife of Humphrey Plantagenet, Duke of Gloucester, fourth son of Henry IV.

nostri Cornubie tam generales quam particulares quo ad aliqua huiusmodi officia sua seu huiusmodi occupaciones suas aut alicuius eorumdem tangencia vllo modo se extendat. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto. [1446.]—PEMBERTON.

Per ipsum Regem in parliamento.

Broad seal of white wax (fragment) suspended by a slip of parchment.

Endorsed "Irrotulatur in Memorandis scaccarij de Anno xxv Regis Henrici sexti videlicet inter Recorda de Termino Sancti Hillarij Rotulo vij° ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii."

"Pardonacio generalis. Pardonacio balliuis et Burgensibus burgi Dorcestrie tempore Henrici sexti."

A modern endorsement: "12th Nov., 25th Henry, General Pardon to the Bailiffs, Burgesses and others of Dorchester."

XIV.

An acknowledgment by the Mayor of Wareham and the Bailiffs of Bridport of the right of the Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester to the profits of pesage or weighing within a circuit of twelve miles.—13 Oct., 39 Henry VI. (1460). B. 2.

"To all true crysten pepill to Wham this p'ent Wrytyng cometh John Reson Meyre of the Burgh of Warh'm William Olyuer & John Harreys Balyuys of the Toune of Brideport in the Shire of Dors' send gretyng in god. For as moche as hit apereth to vs of record vnder the grete Seall of our gr̃cyous & sou'aigne lord the Kyng th̃t nowe is that alle petycion of the Ballyuys & Burges of the Burgh of Dorchestr' of the sayd Shyre made to our sayd lord in his p'lement hald atte Westm' the Fryday next before the fest of Saynt Hillary the ix yere his regne hit was ordeyned & assented by thavyse of the lordes spyrituell & temp'ell & the comens of this reme of Engelond that the Burges of the sayd Burgh of Dorchestr' shold not be desturbet ne let of no man̄r p'sone to vse & enyoye th̃t lib'tee of Peysage whyche they th̄r auntec̄s & p'decessōs Burges of the same Burgh haue vsed fro tyme th̃t no mynd of man rendeth in all man̄r Cytes Burghs Tounys & Placys wher' Feyres & m'catys beth w̃inne the

ace of xij myle round aboute the sayd Burgh of Dorchestr'. ıd th^t no title of Peysage shold growe to eny p'sone be force eny statute made the contry th^rof in dest^rbance of right & ill of the Burges of the sayd Burgh. And also we the sayd eyre & Ballyuys be enfo'med of right true & credybell sones byers & syllers w^tinne the space of xij mile in eu'y yre & m'cate th^t hath be round aboute the sayd Burgh ^t they have payed for th^t Peysage to the Ballyuys & urges of the sayd Burgh & to none outher man. And ^t the sayd Ballyúys & Burges of Dorchestr' forsayd th' ıntec^rs & p'decesso^rs Burges of the same Burgh haue be Peysybell wyse possessed & seysed of the sayd lib'te of eysage in man^r & fo^rme forsayd syth tyme of mynd of an & before eny tyme of manys mynd w^toute eny est^rbance & ent^rupcion of Abbot Knyght or Squyer hauyng ıy franchise Toune or place w^tinne the sayd space of xij ile. In wytnysse of whyche thyng we the sayd meyre & allyuys by consent & assent of all the Burges of the sayd urgh of Warh'm & Toune of Brydeport haue put to this sent wrytyng our comen Selys. Yeve the day of the ranslacion of Seynt Edward Confessor the yere of the gne of Kyng Harry the Sixt aft' the Conquest xxxix)ct. 13, 1460].*

Two seals—one gone, the other, a circular seal of red wax, ith the arms of France and England quarterly, crowned, anding between two pinnacles or piers. Legend : Sigillum : mmune : Ville : de : Brideporte :

Endorsed, "A testimonie for the peseige of Dorchester."

* The following extracts from Minute Book, C. 7, shew in what manner e right of pesage, or weighing, was exercised by the Borough in the ghteenth century:—

1704, Aug. 25. "This day Thomas Nut, of Cerne Abbas, Inholder, made Contract with the Mayor and Burgesses of this Borough to hold the poysage e., pesage] of the King's [altered to Queen's] Beame at the fayre of Armitage Hermitage] within this County, and allsoe for the Towne of Cerne aforesaid, r the Terme of seven yeares next ensueing, to commence Michalmas next, ying for the same thirty shillings yearly. A Lease is accordingly to be awne betweene the persons aforesaid."

1710, March 31. £3 paid to Joan, widow of Thomas Nutt, lessee "of the ysage by the Beam att Armitage Fair, which hath not been quietly enjoyed cording to the meaning of the said Lease."

1710, Aug. 14. "John Dominy, of Cerne Abbas, lessee of Weights of ood & other Comodityes at Hermitage Fair for 7 years, at 30 sh. a year."

XV.

Inspeximus and Exemplification of the Statute, 9 Henry VI., c. 6 (1430-1), providing that the Burgesses of Dorchester be not disturbed in their right to use their weighing by twelve miles round the Borough.—26 March, 5 Edward IV. (1465). A. 12.

Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Inspeximus irrotulamentum cuiusdam responsionis per H[enricum] sextum nuper de facto et non de iure Regem Anglie de auisamento dominorum spiritualium et temporalium ac Communitatis regni nostri Anglie in Parliamento suo apud Westmonasterium die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Hillarij anno regni sui nono cuidam peticioni eidem nuper ut premittitur Regi in eodem Parliamento per Communitatem predictam pro Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi nostri de Dorchestre in Comitatu Dorsetie exhibite facte in hec verba Ordine est et assentuz que per force del estatut [as in No. XII.] . . . . de Dorchestre desuis dit. Nos autem tenorem irrotulamenti responsionis predicte ad requisicionem Burgensium dicti Burgi nostri de Dorchestre duximus exemplificandum per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo sexto die Marcij Anno regni nostri quinto.—MUNDES.

On the fold, "Examinatur per Ricardum Fryston et Johannem Mapilton clericos."

The seal, suspended by a slip of parchment, has disappeared.

Endorsed, "le Acte de Parliament p^r poyses deynz xij leuges de Dorchester." "Act del Parliament 9 Hen. 6ti." "Ed: 6: 5 yere."

XVI.

Inspeximus by Edward IV., of the Letters Patent of Richard II. (No. VIII.), *and Confirmation of the same.*—26 March, 5 Edward IV. (1465). A. 11.

Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Inspeximus litteras patentes domini R[icardi] nuper Regis Anglie secundi factas in hec verba. Ricardus dei gracia Rex Anglie [as in No. VIII.] . . . . In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium tercio decimo die Junij Anno regni nostri

ecimo nono. Nos autem litteras predictas et omnia contenta eisdem rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus ostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus et inc Burgensibus nostris Burgi predicti et eorum heredibus et iccessoribus Burgensibus eiusdem Burgi ratificamus et con-mamus prout littere predicte racionabiliter testantur. In iius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. este me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo sexto die arcij Anno Regni nostri quinto.—BAGOT.

Pro quatuor marcis solutis in hanaperio.

On the fold, "Examinatur per Willielmum Bolton et Willielmum Morland clericos."

Broad seal of green wax, nearly perfect, suspended by aited silk cords of white and red (containing strands of gold iread).

Endorsed, "E. 4. Confirmac'on of the Fee Ferme."

Modern endorsement, "N. 3, 26th March, 5th Edward. onfirmation of Grant of Fee Farm."

XVII.

Letters Patent of Richard III., granting a pardon to the urgesses of Dorchester for offences perpetrated before 21st day f February, 1 Richard III.—20 Nov., 2 Richard III. (1484). .. 13.

Ricardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus ibernie Omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis ad quos presentes ttere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de gracia nostra peciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostro pardonaui-ius remisimus et relaxauimus Burgensibus nostris de Dor-nestre in Comitatu Dorcestrie seu quibuscumque aliis nomini-us censeantur omnimodas transgressiones forisfacturas penas ebita mesprisiones contemptus et impeticiones per ipsos urgenses ante vicesimum primum diem Februarij Anno regni ostri primo contra formam statutorum de signis liberatis annorum et capiciorum retencionibus factas siue perpetratas inde punicio caderet in demandam debitum seu in finem et edempcionem aut in alias penas pecuniarias seu imprisona-ienta statutis predictis non obstantibus. ET INSUPER ex racia et sciencia et motu nostris predictis pardonauimus emisimus et relaxauimus eisdem Burgensibus sectam pacis ostre que ad nos versus ipsos pertinet pro omnimodis pro-icionibus murdris raptibus mulierum rebellionibus insur-

reccionibus feloniis conspiracionibus cambipartiis manutenenciis confederacionibus riotis routis conuenticulis illicitis imbraciarijs et aliis transgressionibus offensis negligenciis extorsionibus mesprisionibus ignoranciis contemptibus concelamentis forisfacturis et decepcionibus per ipsos Burgenses ante dictum vicesimum primum diem Februarij qualitercumque factis siue perpetratis, ACECIAM vtlagarias si que in ipsos Burgenses hiis occasionibus seu earum aliqua fuerint promulgate et firmam pacem nostram eis inde concedimus Ita tamen quod stent recto in Curia nostra si quis versus eos loqui voluerit de premissis vel aliquo premissorum. ET INSUPER pardonauimus remisimus et relaxauimus eisdem Burgensibus catalla felonum et fugitiuorum catalla vtlagatorum et felonum de se deodanda thesaurum inuentum vasta et impeticiones ac omnimodos articulos itineris et destrucciones et transgressiones de viridi vel venacione vendiciones boscorum infra forestas et extra et aliarum rerum quarumcumque ante eundem vicesimum primum diem Februarij infra regnum nostrum Anglie et Marchias Wallie emers' et euent' vnde punicio caderet in demandam debitum seu in finem et redempcionem aut in alias penas pecuniarias seu in forisfacturam bonorum et catallorum aut imprisonamenta seu amerciamenta Communitatum Villarum vel singularium personarum vel in oneracionum liberi tenementi eorum qui nunquam transgressi fuerunt vt heredum executorum vel terre tenencium Escaetorum Vicecomitum Coronatorum et aliorum huiusmodi et omne id quod ad nos versus ipsos Burgenses pertinet seu pertinere posset ex causis supradictis. ACECIAM pardonauimus remisimus et relaxauimus eisdem Burgensibus omnimodas donaciones alienaciones et perquisiciones per ipsos de terris et tenementis de nobis vel progenitoribus nostris quondam Regibus Anglie aut aliis nuper de facto et non de iure Regibus Anglie seu eorum aliquo in capite tentis, Ac omnimodas alienaciones et perquisiciones ad manum mortuam factas et habitas absque licencia regia necnon omnimodas intrusiones et ingressus in temporalia Archiepiscopatus Episcopatus Abbatie Prioratus Collegij Hospitalis seu alterius domus pie religiose seu ecclesiastice cuiuscumque in hereditatem suam in parte vel in toto post mortem predecessorum suorum et antecessorum suorum absque debita prosecucione liberacione seu restitucione earundem extra manum Regiam ante eundem vicesimum primum diem Februarij factas vna cum exitibus et proficuis inde medio tempore perceptis. ACECIAM pardonauimus re-

misimus et relaxauimus eisdem Burgensibus omnimodas penas ante dictum vicesimum primum diem Februarij forisfactas coram nobis aut progenitoribus predictis aut aliis nuper vt premittitur Regibus seu eorum aliquo seu consilio nostro Cancellario Thesaurario seu aliquibus seu aliquo Judicum nostrorum vel progenitorum predictorum seu aliquorum nuper ut premittitur Regum vel eorum alicuius pro aliqua causa ante dictum vicesimum primum diem Februarij nobis vel progenitoribus predictis aut aliis nuper vt premittitur Regibus seu eorum alicui forisfactas et ad opus nostrum leuandas, NECNON omnimodas securitates pacis ante eundem vicesimum primum diem Februarij similiter forisfactas necnon omnimoda escapia et euasiones quorumcumque felonum et clericorum conuictorum seu attinctorum ante eundem vicesimum primum diem Februarij, Aceciam tercias et terciarum tercias omnimodorum prisonariorum in guerra captorum nobis vel progenitorbus predictis aut aliis nuper vt premittitur Regibus seu eorum alicui dicto vicesimo primo die Februarij qualitercumque debitas pertinentes siue spectantes per eosdem Burgenses, NECNON omnimodas demandas transgressiones offensas contemptus mesprisiones et impeticiones per ipsos Burgenses ante eundem vicesimum primum diem Februarij contra formam tam quorumcumque statutorum ordinacionum et prouisionum factorum siue editorum de perquisicionibus acceptacionibus leccionibus publicacionibus notificacionibus et execucionibus quibuscumque quarumcumque litterarum et bullarum apostolicarum et omnium aliorum statutorum ordinacionum et prouisionum pretextu quorum aliqua secta versus eosdem Burgenses per billam vel per breue de premunire factam seu alio quocumque pro aliqua materia ante predictum vicesimum primum diem Februarij facta fieri valeat quam quorumcumque aliorum statutorum factas siue perpetratas ante dictum vicesimum primum diem Februarij, statutis ordinacionibus et prouisionibus illis non obstantibus. ACECIAM pardonauimus remisimus et relaxauimus eisdem Burgensibus omnimoda fines adiudicatos amerciamenta exitus forisfactos releuia scutagia ac omnimoda debita compota prestita arreragia firmarum et compotorum nobis vel progenitoribus predictis aut aliis nuper vt premittitur Regibus seu eorum alicui ante festum Sancti Michaelis anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti vicesimo secundo qualitercumque debita siue pertinencia, Necnon omnimodas acciones execuciones impeticiones querelas et demandas quas nos solus vel nos coniunctim cum aliis

personis vel alia persona habemus seu habere poterimus versus ipsos Burgenses pro aliquibus huiusmodi finibus amerciamentis exitibus releuiis scutagiis debitis compotis prestitis et arreragiis ante dictum festum Sancti Michaelis nobis vel progenitoribus predictis aut aliis nuper vt premittitur Regibus seu eorum alicui debitis Aceciam vtlagarias in ipsos Burgenses promulgatas pro aliqua causarum supradictarum. PROUISO semper quod presens pardonacio nostra se non extendat ad aliquos magnos computantes nostros qui nunc sunt vel qui nuper fuerunt videlicet ad Maiorem et Societatem stapule Ville de Calesie aut Maiorem Constabularium et Societatem stapule nostre predicte Thesaurarium Calesie et hospicij nostri vel progenitorum nostrorum aut aliorum nuper vt premittitur Regum seu eorum alicuius Vitellarios Calesie Camerarios nostros Cestrie North Wallie et Suth Wallie Custodes garderobe hospicij nostri vel progenitorum nostrorum aut aliorum nuper vt premittitur Regum seu eorum alicuius aut Custodes siue clericos magne gardrobe nostre vel progenitorum nostrorum aut aliorum nuper vt premittitur Regum seu eorum alicuius clericos siue Custodes hanaperij Cancellarie nostre qui nunc sunt vel qui nuper fuerunt vel executores vel administratores bonorum et catallorum eorundem clericorum siue Custodum vel eorum alicuius clericos operacionum nostrarum vel progenitorum nostrorum aut aliorum nuper vt premittitur Regum vel eorum alicuius Thesaurarios terre nostre Hibernie et Receptores Ducatus nostri Lancastrie et Ducatus nostri Cornubie tam generales quam particulares quoad aliqua huiusmodi officia sua seu huiusmodi occupaciones suas aut alicuius eorundem tangencia. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Nouembris Anno regni nostri secundo.—MUNDES.

Per ipsum Regem.

Fragment of seal of white wax on a slip of parchment. On the slip "Irro^{ur}" [Irrotulatur].

Endorsed, "A Pardon." Modern endorsement, "20th Novr., 2nd Richard, General Pardon."

XVIII.

Inspeximus by Richard III. of the Letters Patent of Edward, his brother (No. XVI.), *confirming the fee farm rent* (20 Nov., 1484), *and granting various privileges to the Burgesses.*—13 Feb., 2 Richard III. (1485). A. 14.

This Confirmation of the Fee Farm of the Borough is an

mportant document, for in addition to the Confirmation :he previous Grant, certain valuable privileges are conced(The Burgesses of the Borough had made it appear that t Grant made to them by Edward III. was only expressed general terms, and in consequence they were compelled contribute with others in proportion to the amount of th possessions in all subventions and aids granted to the King :he payment of the fee farm of the Borough.

By this means they were so reduced that they cou scarcely sustain themselves.

The King is therefore pleased to grant to them and th(successors to be quit of various tolls or other payments :heolonio, pontagio, passagio, paagio, kayagio, ankerag estagio, stallagio, cariagio, pauagio for all things conveyed l and or sea. The Burgesses are to have a Clerk of the mark .o fulfil the usual duties of that official, and to have all fine 'edemptions and amercements, issues, penalties and forfeitur :o their use. No Admiral or his Deputy for the time being summon, distrain, attach, take or otherwise disturb in perso goods or chattels, any person within the said Borough.

The Burgesses are to have return and execution of a :he King's writs and precepts concerning all things with :he said Borough which ought there to be done, and all summor estreats and precepts of the exchequer, and the execution (:he same, except they affect the King and his heirs: and tl Burgesses are also to have the levying of all the King's pen(within the Borough, and they may depute their Bailiffs to mak :hese executions as often as required. No Escheator, Sheri Coroner or Bailiff, nor any servant of the King's may enter tl Borough for any execution, unless in default of the said Bu gesses and their successors. Lastly, the King grants f(himself and his heirs that all personal actions, causes and con plaints within the Borough, which do not exceed the sum (.os., be impleaded before the Steward in his Court of the sai Borough, and further that they may appoint their own Coron(within the Borough and two Constables.

Ricardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Domin Hibernie OMNIBUS ad quos presentes littere peruenerint saluten NSPEXIMUS litteras patentes domini E[dwardi] Regis Angl ratris nostri factas in hec verba EDWARDUS dei gracia Re nglie . . . [as in No. XVI.] vicesimo sexto die Marcij anno reg ostri quinto. Nos autem litteras predictas et omnia contenta i

eisdem rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus et nunc Burgensibus Burgi predicti et eorum heredibus et successoribus Burgensibus eiusdem Burgi ratificamus et confirmamus prout littere predicte racionabiliter testantur. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Novembris Anno regni nostri secundo. JAMQUE ex parte dictorum nunc Burgensium Burgi predicti nobis est humiliter supplicatum vt cum dicta concessio per Dominum [Edwardum] Regem Anglie tercium post conquestum progenitorem nostrum eis heredibus et successoribus suis sub generalibus verbis facta existit ipsique ea de causa iuxta quantitatem possessionum suarum in singulis subuencionibus et auxiliis in solucione feodi firme sue Burgi predicti nobis concessis eciam vna cum aliis contribuere compellantur per quod attenuatis eorum possessionibus ad tantam inopiam sunt redacti quod ex facultatibus suis vix se sustentare nequeunt. Nos de gracia nostra speciali premissa considerantes concessimus eisdem nunc Burgensibus heredibus et successoribus suis Burgensibus Burgi predicti quod ipsi heredes et successores sui imperpetuum sint quieti de theolonio pontagio passagio paagio kayagio ankeragio lestagio stallagio cariagio pauagio et omni alia consuetudine per totam terram nostram de omnibus rebus quas per totam terram vel per aquam deportari fecerunt Et quod predicti Burgenses heredes et successores sui Burgenses Burgi predicti habeant et facere possint clericum mercati infra Burgum predictum ad facienda excercenda et exequenda que ad officium clerici mercati pertinent et quod habeant omnia fines redempciones et amerciamenta exitus forisfactos penas et forisfacturas ad opus ipsorum Burgensium heredum et successorum suorum recuperanda et percipienda absque aliquo impedimento nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum aut aliorum quorumcumque, Et quod nullus Admirallus nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum vel eius locumtenens pro tempore existens Burgum predictum per terram seu per aquam decetero ad aliquid infra eundem quod ad officium Admirallitatis pertinet seu pertinere poterit nec aliquam personam seu personas infra Burgum predictum seu infra aliquam inde parcellam ex aliqua causa quacumque citent summoneant distringant attachient capiant seu perturbent in personis bonis catallis vel rebus suis quibuscumque. ACECIAM concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefatis nunc Burgensibus heredibus et successoribus suis Burgensibus

Burgi predicti quod ipsi imperpetuum habeant retorna execuciones omnium brevium et preceptorum nostrorum heredum nostrorum de omnibus rebus infra Burgum predictu que ibidem fieri et exequi deberent accidentibus et emergentib quouis modo, Aceciam summoniciones extractos et precep scaccarij nostri et dictorum heredum nostrorum et execucion eorumdem licet huiusmodi execuciones tangant nos vel hered nostros, Et quod ijdem Burgenses heredes et successores s predicti habeant leuacionem omnium denariorum nostroru et heredum nostrorum infra dictum Burgum proueniencin et quod Balliuos suos ad huiusmodi execuciones faciend quociens indiguit facere valeant et deputari. Et quod nulli Escaetor Vicecomes Coronator seu Balliuus nec aliquis minist nostri seu heredum nostrorum pro aliqua execucione infr dictum Burgum facienda aliqualiter se intromittat nisi i defectu ipsorum Burgensium heredum et successorum suorun CONCESSIMUS vlterius pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum i nobis est quod omnes acciones personales cause et querel infra dictum Burgum qualitercumque emergentes que summa quadraginta solidorum tantum attingunt et infra eande summam existunt in Curia nostra Burgi predicti et heredu nostrorum coram Senescallo per ipsos ibidem deputand placitentur ac placitabiles et per querelas terminabiles existar imperpetuum sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredu nostrorum Justiciariorum, Escaetorum, Vicecomitum a aliorum Balliuorum seu ministrorum nostrorum aut eorumde heredum nostrorum quorumcumque. ET VLTERIUS de graci nostra speciali concessimus prefatis Burgensibus heredibus e successoribus suis Burgensibus Burgi predicti quod ipsi impe petuum facere constituere assignare et habere possint et habear vnum Coronatorem proprium infra Burgum predictum a omnia et singula que ad officium Coronatoris pertinent ibide facienda excercenda et exequenda. Ita quod nullus alit Coronator regni nostri Anglie nisi dumtaxat huiusmodi Coron tor ipsorum Burgensium heredum vel successorum suoru predictorum Burgum predictum ad officium suum ibide exercendum siue exequendum aliqualiter ingrediatur, et quo ipsi heredes et successores sui predicti imperpetuum face possint et habere duos Constabularios infra Burgum predictu quociens et quando visum fuerit necessarium et oportunun Et quod predicti Constabularij sic facti et eorum alter potest tem habeant et habeat exequendi et excercendi omnia qu ad officium Constabularij pertinent facienda. IN CUIUS r testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. TEST

ME IPSO apud Westmonasterium tercio decimo die Februarij Anno regni nostri secundo.—WODWARD.

Per breve de priuato sigillo et de data predicta auctoritate Parliamenti et pro sex marcis solutis in hanaperio.

On the fold, "Examinatur per Ricardum Wodward et Johannem Jamys clericos."

Fragment of seal of green wax, suspended by plaited cord of red and blue silk. "Irro^{ur}" [Irrotulatur] on the fold, where the cord is fastened.

Endorsed, "Ric'us tercius." "13th of Feb. the yeare of Richard the third. Free from payinge of cariage, passage, keyage, toleage."

Modern endorsement, "13 Febry. 2d Richard 3d. Confirmation of Grant of Fee Farm."

XIX.

Inspeximus and Confirmation by Henry VII. of Letters Patent of Richard III. (No. XVIII.).—5 February, 19 Henry VII. (1504). A. 15.

[H]ENRICUS dei gracia [R]ex [A]nglie et [F]rancie et [D]ominus [H]ibernie [O]MNIBUS ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. INSPEXIMUS litteras patentes domini R[icardi] nuper de facto et non de iure Regis Anglie tercij factas in hec verba. RICARDUS dei gracie Rex Anglie . . . [as in No. XVII.] tercio decimo die Februarij Anno regni nostri secundo. NOS AUTEM donaciones concessiones cartas et litteras predictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus et dilectis nobis nunc Burgensibus nostris Burgi predicti et eorum heredibus et successoribus burgensibus eiusdem Burgi ratificamus et confirmamus prout carte et littere predicte racionabiliter testantur. IN CUIUS rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. TESTE me ipso apud Westmonasterium quinto die Februarij Anno regni nostri decimo nono.—WAREN.

Pro sex marcis solutis in hanaperio.

The capital letters at the beginning are not filled in.

On the fold, "Examinatur per Willielmum Malhom et Thomam Waren, clericos." "Irrot^{ur}."

Fragment of seal of green wax, suspended by plaited cord of green and white silk containing gold thread.

Modern incorrect endorsement, "4th Feb., 19th Henry. Confirmation of Grant of ye Fee Farm 26th June, 11th Richard."

XX.

Inspeximus and Confirmation by Henry VIII. of Let Patent of 5 February, 19 Henry VII. (No. XIX.)—12 N 4 Hen. VIII. (1512). A. 16.

[H]ENRICUS dei gracia [R]ex [A]nglie et [F]rancie [D]ominus [H]ibernie [O]MNIBUS ad quos presentes litt peruenerint salutem [I]NSPEXIMUS litteras patentes sinc memorie precarissimi patris nostri domini H[enrici] nu Regis Anglie septimi factas in hec verba. Henricus dei gra Rex Anglie . . . [as in No. XIX.] quinto die Februarij A regni nostri decimo nono. NOS AUTEM donaciones concessio cartas et litteras predictas ac omnia et singula in eisd contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredil nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus dilectis et fidelibus nostris nunc Burgensibus Burgi predi et eorum heredibus et successoribus Burgensibus eiusd Burgi tenore presencium ratificamus concedimus et confirm mus prout carte et littere predicte in se racionabiliter testant IN CUIUS rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecim patentes. TESTE me ipso apud Westmonasterium duodeci die Novembris Anno regni nostri quarto.—YONG.

Pro sex marcis solutis in hanaperio.

On the fold, "Examinatur per Willielmum Malhom Willielmum Throgmerton, clericos."

Broad seal of green wax, nearly perfect, suspended plaited cord of green and white silk, with a gold threa "Irrotulatur."

Endorsed, "H. viij^{i} Confirmac'on for the Fee Ferm

Modern endorsement, "12 Novr. 4 Henry. Confirmati of Grant of Fee Farm with power of chusing High Stewa &c."

XXI.

Letters Patent of Henry VIII. to Justices of Comm Gaol Delivery within the Town of Dorchester, conceding t the Sessions of Gaol Delivery shall thenceforth be held at D chester, and not at Shaftesbury or elsewhere.—24 April, Henry VIII. (1535). A. 17.

HENRY the eight by the grace of god Kyng of Englc and of Fraunce defender of the feyth supreme hede of Churche in the Realme of Englond and lorde of Irelond THE Justices of the Comen Gaole delyuery wythyn oure Tow of Dorchester that nowe be and herafter shalbe and to eu

of them gretyng. WHERE as it hath ben shewed vnto vs on the behalues of oure welbelouyd subiectys the Bailliffis and Inhabitantys of oure said Towne the same Towne is the Shire Towne of oure Countie of Dorsett and the said Gaole is scited and establisshed there And so hath ben of tyme wherof no mynde is to the contrarie and that they be charged with the fyndyng and susteynyng of the Prisonars remaynyng in oure said Gaole And also that the Sessions for the delyuerance of the seid Gaole haue ben custommably vsed to be holden and kepte withyn oure seid Towne of Dorchestre till of late that youre felowes Justices assigned for the said Gaole delyuery haue other whiles taken vpon theym in theire progressis and circuytis for theire eases to hold theire Sessions at Shaftisbury and other places beyng farre distant from oure said Towne of Dorchestre to the breche and subuersion of the laudable custom aforeseid wherby the seid Bailliffis and Inhabitantys haue ben dryven and compellyd to carye and conveye the prisoners in the seid Gaole for the tyme beyng before youre said felowes Justices vnto Shaftisbury and to other places aforeseid not oonly to the great daunger of our seid subiectis for feare of the escape of such Prisonars but also to theire inordynate charge sore noysance and excessyue hyndrance By occasion wherof our seid Towne is outragiously decayed and by lyklyode will fall to extreme desolacion (as god forbede) oonles that conuenyent remedye be the sonner prouyded in the premisses. WE LETT you wete that in consideracion of the same and for the melioracion and reducyng of oure said Towne to hys pristynate estate and welth we have graunted and by thies presents doo graunte vnto the seid Bailliffis and Inhabitantys theire heires and successours for euer playne fredom libertie and auctorite that the seid Sessions of gaole delyuerie shall from hensforth be holden and kepte wythyn oure seid Towne of Dorchestre and in noon other place withyn that Countie nor that oure said subiectis theire heiris nor successours shalbe compellyd nor constreynyd herafter to carye or conveye any prisoners oute of oure said gaole to any other Towne or place than to the same oure Towne of Dorchestre oonly Any acte ordynaunce or statute made to the contrarie of thies premisses not withstandyng WHERFOR we wille and straightly comaunde that ye oure Justices aforesaid shall alway fromhensforth hold youre Sessyons for delyuerie of oure said gaole wythyn oure said Towne of Dorchestre and in noon other place wythyn that oure Countie. IN

WITNESSE wherof we haue caused thies our l'res to be m
patentys. WITNESSE oure self at Westm'. the xxiiijth d
of Aprill the xxvijth yere of oure reigne.—HERYNG.

Per ipsum Regem et de data predicta auctoritate P
liamenti.

Fragment of seal of dark brown wax, attached to a
of the deed.

Endorsed, "Grante of Hy. 8 for thassizes to be hol
in Dorchester."

XXII.

Inspeximus with Confirmation by Philip and Mary Letters Patent of Edward VI., 12 Jan., 3 and 4 Philip and M (1557). A. 19. *N.B.—The Charter of* 12 *November*, 1 *Edw VI.* (1547) *is not preserved among the Dorchester Records, its contents are recited in this Inspeximus.*

PHILIPPUS ET MARIA DEI GRACIA REX ET REGINA An Hispaniarum Francie vtriusque Sicilie Jerusalem et Hiber fidei defensores Archiduces Austrie Duces Burgundie Mediol et Brabancie Comites Haspurgi Flandrie et Tirolis OMNI ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem INSPEXIM litteras patentes domini E[dwardi] nuper Regis Anglie se fratris nostri dicte Regine precharissimi de confirmaci factas in hec verba: Edwardus sextus dei gracia Anglie Fran et Hibernie Rex fidei defensor et in terra ecclesie Anglic et Hibernie supremum caput Omnibus ad quos presen littere peruenerint salutem: Inspeximus litteras paten domini H[enrici] nuper Regis Anglie octaui patris no precharissimi factas in hec verba Henricus dei gracia R Anglie . . . [as in No. XX.] duodecimo die Nouembris A regni nostri quarto. NOS AUTEM donaciones concessio cartas et litteras predictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem c tenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nos quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus et dile et fidelibus nostris nunc Burgensibus Burgi predicti et eo heredibus et successoribus Burgensibus eiusdem Burgi ten presencium ratificamus concedimus et confirmamus pr carte et littere predicte in se racionabiliter testantur. CUIUS rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patent Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Noue bris Anno regni nostri primo. NOS AUTEM donaciones . [as above] confirmamus . . . IN CUIUS rei testimonium litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. TESTIBUS nobis i

apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Januarij annis regnorum nostrorum tercio et quarto.—HARE.

Pro sex libris solutis in hanaperio.

On the fold, "Taxatur finis ad vj^li Nic'o Ebor' Canc.'"

"Examinatur per nos Ricardum Rede et Johannem Baron clericos."

Broad seal of brown wax, suspended by a plaited cord of green and white silk.

Endorsed," Ph'us & Maria Confirmac'on of the Fee Farme."

Modern endorsement, "12th January 3d and 4th Philip & Mary. Confirmation of Grant of Fee Farm."

This Charter has sketch portraits of Philip and Mary in the left hand corner, and other ornamentation at the top.

XXIII.

Letters Patent of Elizabeth, reciting that Dorchester is the Principal Borough of the County of Dorset, and has always possessed within the memory of men a County Gaol, and that the Burgesses have charitably burdened themselves with the support of the Prisoners there, and that until the reign of Edward VI. the Sessions for Gaol Delivery were held at Dorchester, and granting to the Burgesses of Dorchester that the Sessions for Gaol Delivery shall be held at Dorchester and not elsewhere within the County—also a general Fair for three days on the Vigil, Day and Morrow of the Purification B.V.M.—29 April, 1 Elizabeth (1559). A. 20.

ELIZABETH DEI GRACIA ANGLIE FRANCIE ET HIBERNIE R. fidei defensor. Justiciarijs nostris ac Justiciarijs heredum et successorum nostrorum ad Gaolam infra Burgum de Dorchestre de prisonibus in ea existentibus ac imposterum existendis assignatis ac imposterum assignandis ac eorum cuilibet salutem: QUIA datum est nobis intelligi per Burgenses Burgi nostri predicti quod dictus Burgus de Dorchestre sit Burgus principalis tocius Comitatus nostri Dorsetie, ac quod infra eundem Burgum est et a tempore cuius contrarium memoria hominum non existit fuit quadam Gaola que est et per totum idem tempus fuit et vsitata existit Gaola communis pro toto Comitatu nostro Dorsetie, Ac quod Burgenses Burgi nostri predicti charitatiue se onerauerunt et iam indies sese onerant ad sustentacionem Prisonarum in eadem Gaola de tempore in tempus remanencium et existencium, Quodque Sessiones pro deliberacione Gaole predicte de prisonibus in ea existentibus de tempore in tempus omnino hucusque vsitate et frequentate

fuerint teneri et custodiri infra Burgum predictum. Attan
aliqui Justiciarij Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie fratris no
assignati ad Gaolam predictam de prisonibus in ea existentil
deliberandam in progressionibus et circuitibus suis pro eor
aisiamento apud Shaftesbury in dicto Comitatu Dorse
Sessiones pro Gaola de Dorchestre De Prisonibus in ead
tunc existentibus tenuerint et custodiuerint tam in manifest
violacionem et disturbacionem consuetudinis predicte, qu
contra formam et effectum quarundam litterarum patenci
dictis Burgensibus ac Inhabitantibus Burgi predicti factar
per Henricum octauum nuper Regem Anglie patrem nostr
precharissimum racione cuius Burgus predictus in mag
decasu modo existit, ac in extremam desolacionem qu
absit veresimilis est ruiturus nisi presens remedium eid
per nos subuenietur. Nos ea omnia considerantes, nostraq
ex pietate intendentes Burgum nostrum predictum meliora
ac in suum bonum pristinum statum et commodum quant
in nobis est reducere Concessimus ac per presentes p
nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus dic
Burgensibus ac eorum heredibus et successoribus imperpetu
plenam libertatem Jurisdiccionem potestatem et auctoritat
quod Sessiones ad Gaolam de Dorchestre de prisonibus in
existentibus et imposterum existendis deliberandam imp
terum omnino de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris te
poribus erunt tente et custodite infra dictum Burgum D
chestre et non alibi infra dictum Comitatum Dorsetie.
quod Justiciarij nostri, et Justiciarij heredum et successor
nostrorum ad Gaolam de Dorchestre de prisonibus in ea ex
tentibus, ac imposterum existendis deliberandam assign
et imposterum assignandi, teneant et custodiant sessio
ad Gaolam de Dorchestre de prisonibus in ea existentil
ac imposterum existendis deliberandum ad locum c
uenientem infra Burgum predictum et non alibi, causa mag
infirmitatis vocate the plage tantummodo excepta, Aliquo a
ordinacione siue statuto de premissis facto siue edito in c
trarium non obstante. Quare volumus et per presentes firmi
precepimus Justiciarijs nostris et Justiciarijs heredum et s
cessorum nostrorum ad gaolam predictam deliberandam assig
tis et assignandis quod ipsi teneant et custodiant omnino et
tempore in tempus imposterum Sessiones ad Gaolam predict
de prisonibus in ea existentibus et imposterum existen
deliberandam infra dictum Burgum de Dorchestre ac non a
nec in aliquo alio loco infra dictum Comitatum nostr

Dorsetie, causa predicta tantummodo excepta. ET VLTERIUS de vberiori gracia nostra ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefatis Burgensibus Burgi nostri de Dorchestre heredibus et successoribus suis imperpetuum quod ipsi heredes et successores sui imperpetuum habeant vnam feriam pro omnibus catallis ac alijs rebus quibuscumque singulis annis apud Burgum de Dorchestre predictum per tres dies duraturam videlicet in vigilia die et Crastino Purificacionis beate Marie Virginis tenendam, nisi feria illa sit ad nocumentum vicinorum feriarum. QUARE VOLUMUS et per presentes concedimus pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quod predicti Burgenses heredes et successores sui imperpetuum habeant predictam feriam apud predictum Burgum de Dorchestre cum omnibus Curie libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad huiusmodi feriam pertinentibus nisi feria illa sit ad nocumentum vicinorum feriarum sicut predictum est absque perturbacione impedimento molestacione seu grauamine nostri heredum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque. VOLUMUS ECIAM et per presentes concedimus prefatis Burgensibus et successoribus suis quod habebunt has litteras nostras patentes sub magno Sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo factas et sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno vel paruo nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad vsum nostrum proinde quoquo modo reddendo soluendo seu faciendo, EO QUOD expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum siue eorum alicuius aut de alijs donis siue concessionibus per nos siue per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum prefatis Burgensibus Burgi predicti ante hec tempora factis in presentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione prouisione siue restriccione inde in contrarium facto edito ordinato siue prouiso, aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante. IN CUIUS rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. TESTE me ipsa apud Westmonasterium vicesimo nono die Aprilis Anno regni nostri Primo.—CORDELL.

Per breue de priuato sigillo, etc.

Broad seal of brown wax, imperfect, suspended by plaited cords of green and white silk.

Endorsed, " A graunt made to the Burgeses of Dorchester for the continuall kepyng of thassises there and Candelmas . . . faier."

" Left by Mr. John Spicer of Dorchester to be confirmed."

In the left-hand corner is a sketch portrait of the Queen, and a line of ornament at the top of the deed.

XXIV.

Inspeximus and Confirmation by Elizabeth of Lette Patent of Philip and Mary concerning the fee farm (N XXII.)—8 Nov., 1 Elizabeth (1559). A. 21.

ELIZABETH DEI GRACIA ANGLIE FRANCIE ET HIBERN Regina fidei defensor OMNIBUS ad quos presentes litte peruenerint salutem INSPEXIMUS litteras patentes domi Philippi Regis et domine Marie nuper Regine Anglie soro nostre precharissime de confirmacione factas in hec verl PHILIPPUS et Maria dei gracia Rex et Regina Anglie . . . [n No. XXII.] duodecimo die Januarij Annis regnorum no rorum tercio et quarto. NOS AUTEM donaciones . . . confi namus . . . IN CUIUS REI TESTIMONIUM has litteras nostr ieri fecimus patentes. TESTE me ipsa apud Westmonasteriu octauo die Nouembris Anno regni nostri primo.—CORDELL.

Pro septem libris solutis in hanaperio.

On the fold, "Taxat^ur finis ad vij^li N. Baco'."

"Examinatur per nos Ricardum Rede et Anthoniu Huse, clericos."

Fragment of seal of brown wax, suspended by plaite cord of black and white silk.

Endorsed, "Confirmac'on of the Towne of Dorcheste . Walrond."

Modern endorsement, "8 Nov. 1 Eliz. Confirmation Grant of Fee Farm with Power of chusing High Stewar Coroner and 2 Constables."

This charter has a sketch portrait of Queen Elizabe n the left-hand corner and other ornamentation at the to

XXV.

Ratification of the Seals of the Bailiffs, Constables a Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester.—22 September, 156 *by William Hervy, Clarencieux.* B. 7.

Two circular seals are etched at the head of this documer bearing (1) The word DORCHESTRE, and around it the leger COMITATVS DORCESTRIÆ. (2) A castle triple-towered, charg with the arms of France and England quarterly. Legen + SIGILLVM BALLIVORVM DORCHESTRIÆ. Then follows belov

These be the Seales of auncientie vsed by the Bayllyfl Constables and Burgessys of the towne and Boroughe Dorchester which Seales I Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes he Sowthe Easte and Weaste parties of this realme of Englan

have not onelye ratefyed and confirmed vnto the saide Bayllyffs Constables and Burgesses of the saide toune and Boroughe of Dorchester but have also recorded the same in the registers of my vysytac'on now made within the countie of Dorcett. And at this present was Owen Hayman and William Aden Bayllyffs, Xpofer Hole, recorder, John Haywarde vnder Stewarde and Coroner, John Stratford, John Corbyn, John Palmer, Nycholas Lymster, Morgan Hayne, Luke Aden, John Chubbe, Burgesses of the saide towne and boroughe. In wyttnes whereof I the saide Clarencieulx have herevnto subscrybed my name the xxijth of September 1565.

Will : Heruy al's Clarencieulx
King of Armes.

1565.

John Davys
Hugh Grindh'm } Constables, die et anno suprascript.

Old endorsement, "for Dorchester towne Armes."

Modern endorsement, "22^{d} Sept. 1565. Grant of the Seals used by the Bailiffs Constables and Burgesses granted by Clarencieulx King of Arms."

XXVI.

An Acknowledgment by Henry Whittell that he had received the Standard Measures.—10 May, 44 Elizabeth, 1602. B. 16.

"THIS INDENTURE made the tenth day of May in the fower and fortieth yere of the reigne of our most gracious souereigne Lady Elizabeth [1602] by the grace of god of England Fraunce and Ireland Queene defender of the faith, &c. WITNESSETH that I Henry Whittell of the Towne and Borroughe of Dorchester in the Countie of Dorset therevnto auctorished by Mathew Chubb & James Golde Bayliffes of the said towne & Borroughe vnder the Seale of that Corporac'on haue receiued & had the day of the date hereof, accordinge to the direction of the right honorable Thomas Lord Buchurst Lo : highe Tr'er of England and Sr John Fortescue Knight Chauncellor and Vndertr'er of hir highnes said Eschequer, by the hands of Vincent Skynner Esquire, one of the Officers of the Receipt of hir highnes said Eschequer, out of hir highnes Tresory there, one Standerd Bushell, gallon, quarte & Pinte of brasse, havinge hir highnes Stile and Armes embossed, and in sondry places stamped wth the l're E : & Croune Imperiall & wth the Eschequer stamp in the bottom. All measured, tryed, & sised by hir Ma$^{t's}$ standerd there remayninge, for the said

Borroughe of Dorchester to be there safely kept as hir highnes treasure, for the com'on wealth, proffitt and ease of all hir Ma^t's subiects, accordinge to an Acte of Parliament thereof made in the twelveth yere of the reigne of Kinge Henry the seaventh for wch the said Henry Whittell hath paide at hir highnes said Receipt vizt for the Bushell weighinge fiftie nyne pounds at xiiij^d the pound weight, three pounds eight shillings tenn pence, for the gallon, quarte & Pinte, weighinge twentie sixe pounds at xvj^d the pound weight, thirtie foure shillinges eight pence, accordinge to the rates paide to the founders, for the mettall & foundinge thereof And for the trauaile of the Officers employed in the weighinge, tryinge, visinge, & examyninge of the same Measures to be agreable to the Standerd in the Eschequer, twentie shillings, accordinge to the rates allowed by the said right honorable the Lo: Tr'er & Chauncellor of the Eschequer, In all sixe pounds three shillinges & sixe pence. IN WITNESS whereof to the one parte of these p'nte Indentures remayninge in the Receipt of hir Ma^t's said Eschequer, the said Henry Whittell hath putte his hand & Seale, and to the other parte deliu'ed vnto the said Henry Whittell I the said Vincent Skynner haue sett my hand and Seale the day & yere aboue written.

Vin^t. Skynner.

He hath also paide for drawinge & engrossinge these Indentures fiue shillinges. Vin^t. Skynner.

Small seal of red wax, bearing a shield charged with three crossbows.

Endorsed, "Mr. Whittls Authorytie for receipt of the Standerd, &c., out of thescheq'."

Modern endorsement, "10th May 44th Eliz^th. Receipt for Weights & Measures."

XXVII.

An Enumeration of the Privileges granted to the Town by Royal Charters from Edward III. to Elizabeth.—A. 29.

This is a memorandum on a single sheet of paper, headed "The grants & lib'ties by chr'es" [charters]. It enumerates the several privileges granted or secured by Edward III. A° 11° grant of the Borough), 27 Henry VIII., 2 Edward VI. and 1 Elizabeth, and adds "By p^rescripc'on iij other faires yeerlie vizt., the moroe of the feast daie of the holie Trynitie, the feast day of St. John Baptist & St. James' day. The

goods of waiffs & strayers & deodands. Our humble suite is to have all the said ch'res [charters] in one, & to have license of mortmayne, & bee enabled to p'rchase cc (?) m'ks by the yeer not holden in capite, or Knyght s'vice, to maynteyne or corporac' . . . free scole & almes people, & to have special words for our faires, market, felons' goods, wayeffs, strayers, deodands & outlayaryes."

This memorandum is endorsed "The lib'ties of the charter," and seems to have been drawn up previous to the Charter granted by James I.

XXVIII.

The Charter of James I., 26 June, 1610 (*with portrait of the King and ornamental heading*).—A. 25.

The Borough of Dorchester is held in ancient demesne, and the Burgesses and Inhabitants, both by charters and prescription, have possessed divers liberties and privileges; and the Bailiffs and Burgesses have petitioned that the Burgesses and Inhabitants be made a Body Corporate and Politic, by the name of the Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester.

The King thereupon grants their request, with legal ability to hold land, tenements, etc., in fee and perpetuity, for term of years or otherwise, to plead and be impleaded and to have a Common Seal.

There shall be two Bailiffs, chosen from the Burgesses, of whom Henry Whittell and Richard Blachford, junr., shall be the first, to continue in office until the Monday after Michaelmas next ensuing; and fifteen Capital Burgesses and Councillors, to form a Common Council, thirteen of whom are to assist the Bailiffs in their office, and to hold office for life or good behaviour.

The first Capital Burgesses and Councillors are to be Henry Whittell and Richard Blachford aforesaid, Mathew Chubb, John Greene, John Yeat, John Spicer, James Golde, Oliver Hayne, John Golde, Richard Barker, William Miller, Nicholas Vawter, Joseph Eyres, John Parkins and William Whitwaye. The said Capital Burgesses and Councillors are to have power to fill vacancies caused by death or removal—the oath to be taken before a Bailiff; and to elect on the Monday after Michaelmas two of the said fifteen Burgesses to be Bailiffs for the year following, to be sworn before the Bailiffs, their

predecessors, and to fill vacancies caused through death removal. Persons, duly elected, and refusing to hold offi may be committed to the prison of the Borough until tl submit to serve, and may be fined, and imprisoned until fines be paid.

The Bailiffs and Burgesses shall have a Recorder, first being Sir George Trenchard, senr., Knt.

The Bailiffs for the time being, and their predecess for one year after quitting office, and the Recorder, shall Justices of the Peace within the Borough.

The Bailiffs and their immediate predecessors and Recorder, or three of them (of whom must be the two Bail in office and the Recorder, or two of them) shall have pov to enquire into felonies, etc., within the Borough, as can done by Justices of the Peace elsewhere, but shall not proc to determination of murder or felony, or matters touch loss of life or members ; but shall determine all other trespass etc., which belong to the office of Justice of the Peace.

No one of our Justices of Peace or labourers or Artific in the County shall intermeddle within the Borough.

The Bailiffs and Burgesses shall hold every three wee on Mondays, a Court of Record, before the Bailiffs and Recorder (or his sufficient deputy) or any two of them, complaints of debts, etc., not exceeding £10. The defenda to be attached by their bodies, or their goods and chatt found within the Borough, and to be committed to the Borou prison.

The Bailiffs and Capital Burgesses, in the Town E or other competent place assembled, shall have power make bye-laws (not repugnant to the laws of the realm) w penalties attached, for the government of the Bailiffs, B gesses and Inhabitants ; shall have a prison within the Borou and two Serjeants-at-Mace, to execute processes and att upon the Bailiffs and carry before them, within the Borou gilt or silver maces, with the Arms of England, as they h before been used to do.

No one not a free Burgess or free Inhabitant shall exer any art, occupation or mistery, or use any shop or stat for sale, except only in the time of fairs and markets, wit the Borough, under pain of forfeiture, fine and imprisonm

The Bailiffs and Burgesses shall have to their own the goods and chattells of felons, fugitives, outlaws, with the exception of the offences of high treason and

munire; shall have Return and Execution of Briefs, etc., and possess all Liberties, Franchises, etc., already enjoyed, and all Charters and Letters Patent, rendering to the King and his successors the accustomed rents and services.

The Bailiffs and Burgesses may acquire lands and tenements not exceeding £40 in clear annual value, and have these Letters Patent, under the Great Seal, without fine or fee.

JACOBUS DEI GRATIA ANGLIE SCOCIE FRANCIE ET HIBERNIE Rex, fidei defensor, &c., OMNIBUS ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem CUM nobis constat per Exemplificacionem sub Sigillo Scaccarii nostri quod Burgus de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie tenetur de nobis in Antiquo Dominio ET cum Burgenses et Inhabitantes Burgi nostri de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie a tempore cuius contrarium memoria hominum non existit diuersas Libertates Consuetudines Franchesias Imunitates et Preheminencias habuerunt et vsi et gauisi fuerunt [tam] racione diuersarum Cartarum et litterarum patencium eis et predecessoribus suis ante hac factarum et concessarum quam racione diversarum Prescripcionum et Consuetudinum per ipsos ab antiquo usitatarum; CUMQUE dilecti subditi nostri nunc Balliui et Burgenses Burgi de Dorchester nobis humillime suplicauerunt quatenus nos pro meliori gubernacione regimine et melioracione Burgi predicti et Inhabitancium in eodem graciam et munificenciam nostram regiam in hac parte eis graciose exhibere et extendere velimus quodque dicti Burgenses et Inhabitantes Burgi de Dorchester predicti in vnum Corpus Corporatum et Polliticum per nomen Balliuorum et Burgensium Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie per litteras nostras patentes ratificare confirmare facere ordinare constituere redigere et creare de novo dignaremur cum augmentacione et addicione quarumdam libertatum pro bono publico dictorum Balliuorum Burgensium et Inhabitancium Burgi predicti prout nobis melius videbitur expedire Nos igitur melioracionem Burgi predicti et Balliuorum Burgensium et Inhabitancium predictorum graciose affectantes, ac volentes quod de cetero imperpetuum in continuo habeatur vnus certus et indubitatus modus de et pro bono regimine et gubernacione populi nostri et heredum nostrorum ibidem, Sperantesque quod si Balliui Burgenses et Inhabitantes Burgi predicti et Successores sui ampliora ex concessione nostra gaudere poterint honores libertates et priuilegia tunc ad seruicia que poterint nobis et heredibus et Successoribus

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et Polliticum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum
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ordinamus constituimus declaramus et confirmamus per p
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in Comitatu Dorsettie et Successores sui per nomen Balliuor
et Burgensium Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorset
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nem Golde Richardum Barker Willielmum Miller Nichola
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quolibet Anno imperpetuum in die Lune proximo post diem festi Sancti Michaelis Archangeli eligendi et nominandi et quod eligere et nominare possint et valeant duos de predictis quindecim Capitalibus Burgensibus et Consiliariis qui erunt Balliui pro vno Anno integro tunc proxime sequente, Et quod illi sic vt prefertur in Officium Balliui electi fuerint officium illum pro vno Anno integro tunc proxime sequente exequi valeant et possint, Sacramento Corporali coram vltimis Balliuis predecessoribus suis pro tempore existentibus ibidem prius prestito. Et si contigerit aliquem vel aliquos Balliuorum Burgi predicti infra vnum Annum postquam ad officium illud sic vt prefertur electi fuerint aut eorum vnus fuerit obire aut ab officio illo amoveri Quod tunc et tocies bene liceat et licebit tantis et totis eorundem Balliuorum et Capitalium Burgensium et Consiliariorum Burgi predicti qui adtunc superuixerint vel permanserint vel maiori parti eorundem ad libitum suum vnum alium de Capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti in officium Balliuorum predictum eligere et perficere ad exequendum predictum officium Balliuorum vsque predictum diem Lune proximum post diem festi Sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proxime sequentem, Sacramento Corporali in forma predicta prius prestito, Et sic tocies quocies casus sic acciderit. Et Insuper volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis Quod si aliquis vel aliqui qui imposterum ad officium Balliuorum vel aliorum officiariorum inferiorum Burgi predicti siue ad eorum aliquod vel aliqua electi vel nominati fuerint vel electus et nominatus fuerit ac habens siue habentes noticiam et cognicionem de eleccione et nominacione illa recusaverint vel recusaverit officium illud Quod tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit Balliuis Burgi predicti et prefatis Capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus vel maiori parti eorundem, quorum vnum Balliuorum predictorum vnum esse volumus, ipsum vel ipsos sic recusantem et recusantes exercere officium illud vel officia illa ad quod vel que ipse vel ipsi sic electus et nominatus fuerit electi et nominati fuerint comittere Prisone Burgi predicti ibidem remansuros quousque Officium illud vel Officia illa exercere velit vel velint et fines vel amerciamenta super huiusmodi Recusantem vel recusantes taxare prout Balliuis et Capitalibus Burgensibus de Communi Consilio Burgi predicti vel maiori parti eorum pro tempore existentium, quorum vnum Balliuorum predic-

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petuum absque impedimento nostri heredum et Successorum nostrorum aut alicuius siue aliquorum ministrorum vel officiariorum nostrorum Quas omnes et singulas leges ordinaciones et constituciones sic ut prefertur faciendas obseruari volumus sub penis in eisdem racionabiliter imponendis statuto edito Anno decimo nono Henrici nuper Regis Anglie Septimi in aliquo non obstante. PROUISO semper quod leges et ordinaciones et constituciones [end of the first skin] huiusmodi non sint nec fuerint repugnancia nec derogatoria aliis legibus vel statutis Regni nostri Anglie. ET VLTERIUS volumus et per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris ordinamus et concedimus prefatis Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester predicti et successoribus suis imperpetuum Quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester predicti et eorum Successoribus habere erigere retinere et appunctuare quandam domum siue Prisonam infra Burgum predictum ad Custodiendos et puniendos malefactores et ad Custodiendas tales personas que fuerint attachiate per Corpus ex aliqua occasione vel aliquibus occasionibus per processum Curie ibidem. ET VLTERIUS volumus et per presentes ordinamus ac pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester predicti et Successoribus suis Quod de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt in Burgo predicto duo Officiarii qui erunt et vocabuntur Seruientes ad Clavas pro execucione processus et mandati ac aliorum negociorum in Burgo predicto de tempore in tempus exequendorum et peragendorum, Qui duo Seruientes ad Clavas erunt attendentes et vterque eorum erit attendens de tempore in tempus super Balliuos eiusdem Burgi et eorum Successores imperpetuum, Et quod iidem duo seruientes ad Clavas in Burgo predicto deputandi Clavas deauratas vel argenteas ac Signo Armorum huius Regni Anglie ornatas vbique infra dictum Burgum de Dorchester ac libertates et precinctum eiusdem coram Balliuis Burgi predicti pro tempore existentibus et Successoribus suis portabunt prout ante hac vsi fuerunt. ET VLTERIUS volumus et concedimus pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie et Successoribus suis imperpetuum Quod nullus Mercator Artifex Agricola laborarius Laborator aut aliqui vsitantes siue exercentes aliquam Artem Occupacionem siue misterium vel alii quicunque qui non sit aut fuerit liber Burgensis vel liber Inhabitans Burgi predicti aliquem Artem

Occupacionem vel misterium infra Burgum predictum precinctum eiusdem exerceat nec in aliqua Arte Occupaci siue misterio infra Burgum predictum et precinctum eiusd operet vel laboret neque aliquam Domum Shopam locum s Stacionem habeat aut vtatur in Burgo predicto et precin eiusdem pro vendicione vel vtteracione aliquarum mercii niorum siue mercandizarum ibidem seu pro execucione alicu Artis Occupacionis siue misterii in Burgo predicto Nisi t tummodo tempore feriarum et Nundinarum infra Burg predictum, Prohibentes omnes alias personas quascun preter prefatos liberos Burgenses et liberos Inhabitantes Bu predicti pro tempore existentes et eorum apprenticios solum Quod nec ipsi nec eorum aliqui aliquam Artem Occupacion seu misterium infra Burgum predictum et precinctum eiusd exerceant vel exercere presumant nec in aliqua Arte occupaci siue misterio infra Burgum predictum precinctum et liberta eiusdem exerceant vel laborent seu exercere vel laborare pre mant neque aliquam Domum Shopam locum siue stacion habeant vel vtantur vel habere et vti presumant in[fra] Burgi predictum seu precinctum eiusdem pro execucione vendici aut vtteracione aliquarum rerum mercimoniorum siue merc disarum ibidem Nisi tantummodo temporibus feriarum Nundinarum infra Burgum predictum sub pena forisfacti eorum ac sub pena finis et Imprisonamenti Corporum suor pro Contemptu et inobediencia in non perimplendo et p formando Concessionem nostram predictam et mandati nostrum Regium in hac parte. CONCESSIMUS eciam ac p presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris conce mus prefatis Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Succ soribus suis Quod Balliui et Burgenses Burgi de Dorches in Comitatu Dorsettie et Successores sui de cetero imperpetu habeant et habebunt et habere possint et valeant ad propri opus et vsum eorundem Balliuorum et Burgensium Bu predicti et Successorum suorum omnia et omnimoda bona Cattalla omnium et singulorum felonum et fugitiuorum vtla torum et wauiatorum vtlagandorum et wauiandorum s in exigenda propositorum adiudicatorum et adiudicandor attinctorum et attingi contingencium convictorum et conv cendorum fugitiuorum et exigendorum pro felonia murd vel parva prodicione vulgariter nuncupata *Pettie Treas* transgressione aut alia re vel causa quacunque (EXCEP omnibus et singulis offensis de alta prodicione et premun positis vel ponendis) ac felonum de se et Deodanda manupe

manuopera ac alia forisfacta et offensa antedicta (exceptis pre-exceptis), tangencia siue concernencia de omnibus et singulis Burgensibus et Inhabitantibus residentibus et non residentibus infra Burgum predictum et libertates et precinctum eiusdem Ac de omnibus et singulis aliis quibuscunque infra Burgum predictum precinctum libertates et franchesias eiusdem inventis et exnunc imposterum inveniri contingentibus, Et quod si aliqua Persona pro delicto suo vitam vel membrum perdere debeat vel fugerit et Judicio stare noluerit vel aliud quodcunque delictum fecerit pro quo bona et Cattalla sua debeat amittere vel forisfacere vbicunque Justicia de eo fieri debet siue sit in Curia nostra heredum vel Successorum nostrorum siue in alia Curia quaçunque ipsa bona et Cattalla infra Burgum predictum libertates et precinctum eiusdem existencia seu exnunc infuturum existere contingencia sint et pertinere debeant predictorum Balliuorum et Burgensium Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie et Successorum suorum imperpetuum, Et quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis imperpetuum sine impedimento nostro heredum vel Successorum nostrorum vel aliquorum Officiariorum nostrorum heredum vel Successorum nostrorum quorumcunque ponere se in seisinam de bonis et Cattallis predictis modo et forma predictis, exceptis pre-exceptis, et ea ad opus et vsum ipsorum Balliuorum et Burgensium Burgi predicti et Successorum suorum recipere et retinere possint imperpetuum, licet eadem bona siue Cattalla per nos vel heredes et Successores nostros seu per ministros nostros heredum vel Successorum nostrorum prius seisita fuerint, Et quod ipsi Balliui et Burgenses et Successores sui imperpetuum habeant et habebunt omnes et omnimodas fines redempciones et amerciamenta exitus forisfacturas penas et forisfacta quecunque pro omnibus et singulis transgressionibus et aliis malefactis et pro aliis causis et materiis infra Burgum predictum perpetratis et perpetrandis ad opus ipsorum Balliuorum et Burgensium et Successorum suorum imperpetuum absque impedimento nostri heredum et Successorum nostrorum aut aliorum quorumcunque, Et quod ipsi Balliui et Burgenses et Successores sui imperpetuum habeant et habebunt retorna et Execuciones omnium brevium et preceptorum nostrorum de et pro omnibus rebus infra Burgum predictum que ibidem fieri vel exequi deberent accident et emergent quouismodo, Ac eciam summoniciones extracta et precepta Scaccarii nostri heredum et Successorum nostrorum et execu-

ciones eorundem licet huiusmodi execuciones tangunt nos heredes nostros. Et vlterius volumus ac de ampliori gr nostra speciali et ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris da concedimus ratificamus confirmamus et approbamus pro n heredibus et Successoribus nostris Balliuis et Burgensi Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie heredibus Successoribus suis imperpetuum omnes et omnimodas libert franchesias Exemplificaciones Priuilegia Jurisdicciones te Tenementa redditus Reversiones et hereditamenta quecun que Balliui et Burgenses Burgi predicti modo habent ten vtuntur et gaudent et que eorum aliqui vel predecess sui per quecunque nomina siue per quodcunque nomen vel quamcunque Incorporacionem vel Pretextu cuiuscunque corporacionis antehac habuerunt vsi vel gauisi fuerunt habere tenere vel gaudere debuerunt racione vel prete aliquarum Cartarum aut litterarum patencium per aliqu Progenitorum aut Antecessorum nostrorum Regum vel Regi rum Anglie quoquo modo antehac factarum confirmatar vel concessarum seu quocunque alio legali modo jure consue dine vsu siue prescripcione antehac legittime vsitatis consuetis licet eadem aut eorum aliquod vel aliqua ante vsi non fuerunt vel fuit aut abusi vel male vsi vel discontinu fuerunt vel fuit ac licet eadem vel eorum aliquod aut ali forisfacta aut deperdita sunt aut fuerunt, Ac omnes omnimodas Chartas litteras patentes et confirmaciones c cessas siue factas per Progenitores nostros Reges et Regi Regni Anglie vel per aliquem vel aliquam eorum pref Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester siue per aliq aliud nomen vel alique alia nomina quecunque vel quodcunc Et quod dicti Balliui et Burgenses Burgi de Dorchester pred et Successores sui habeant teneant vtantur et gaudeant habere tenere vti et gaudere possint et valeant deinceps perpetuum infra Burgum de Dorchester predictum tot tan tales et huiusmodi mercatos ferias libertates franche priuilegia et preheminencias quecunque et cuiuscunque nat seu speciei fuerunt quot quantas quales et que dicti Bal et Burgenses Burgi predicti seu aliqui predecessorum suor per quodcunque nomen siue nomina incorporati siue voc fuerunt, antehac habuerunt tenuerunt vsi et gauisi fuer seu habere gaudere vel vti debuerunt seu potuerunt in infra Burgum de Dorchester predictum racione alicuius Do

* This line is corrupt, and apparently should read as "vsitata non fue vel fuit aut abusitata vel male vsitata vel discontinuata."

cionis litterarum patencium prescripcionis vsus vel alterius tituli cuiuscunque. Et quod Balliui et Burgenses Burgi de Dorchester predicti et eorum successores ea omnia et singula premissa absque impedimento nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum Justiciariorum Eschaetorum Vicecomitum Admirallorum Clerici Mercati aut aliorum Balliuorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque de cetero plene gaudeant et vtantur imperpetuum. HABENDA TENENDA exercenda vtenda et Gaudenda Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie et Successoribus suis imperpetuum, Ac Reddendo et soluendo inde nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris annuatim tot tantas tales eadem et huiusmodi redditus seruicia et demandas quecunque quot quantas quales et que nobis antehac pro eisdem reddi seu solui consueverint seu reddere seu soluere debuerint. ET VLTERIUS de vberiori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris concessimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris concedimus et licenciam liberamque et licitam facultatem potestatem et authoritatem damus Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsetie et Successoribus suis Habendi recipiendi et perquirendi sibi et Successoribus suis imperpetuum mesuagia Tenementa terras redditus Reverciones et hereditamenta quecunque infra Regnum nostrum Anglie de aliqua persona siue de aliquibus personis quibuscunque que de nobis vel Successoribus nostris non tenentur imediate in Capite vel per seruicium militare, Dummodo eadem mesuagia Tenementa terras redditus Reverciones et hereditamenta sic per eos habenda percipienda et perquirenda non excedant in toto clarum annualem valorem Quadraginta librarum per Annum vltra omnia onera et reprisas, Statuto de terris et Tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, Aut aliquo alio Statuto actu ordinacione siue prouisione antehac habito facto ordinato seu prouiso in aliqua re causa vel materia quacunque incontrarium inde in aliquo non obstante. DENIQUE concedimus per presentes Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester quod habeant et habebunt has litteras nostras patentes sub magno Sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo factas et sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno vel paruo nobis in Hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad vsum nostrum proinde quoquo modo reddendo soluendo seu faciendo, EO QUOD expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum siue eorum alicuius aut de aliis Donis siue Concessionibus per

nos seu per aliquem Progenitorum siue Predecessorum n trorum prefatis Balliuis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorches ante hec tempora factis in presentibus minime facta exis aut aliquo Statuto Actu ordinacione prouisione proclamaci siue restriccione incontrarium inde antehac habito facto ed ordinato seu prouiso, Aut aliqua alia re causa vel mate quacunque in aliquo non obstante. IN CUIUS rei Testimoni has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. TESTE me ip apud Westminster vicesimo sexto die Junii Anno Regni nos Anglie Francie et Hibernie Octauo et Scocie Quadragesi Tercio. Per breve de priuato Sigillo, etc.—CARTWRIGHT.

Examinatur per me Thomam Marten.

Taxatur finis pro Confirmatione priorum Libertat ad x^li^. T. Ellesmere, Canc'.

Portion of seal of brown wax, suspended by a plait cord of red and white silk.

Endorsed, "Seale vij^li^ ix^s^.
Inrol. xxxiij^s^ iiij^d^.
ffyne x^li^."

Original endorsement, "A Charter of a Corporac' graunted vnto the Bayliffes and Burgesses of the Burrou of Dorchester in the County of Dorsett."

"CARTWRIGHTE

XXIX.

The Charter of Charles I.—22 September, 1629. A. 2

The Borough of Dorchester is held of the King in ancie demesne, and has enjoyed divers liberties by charters a prescription.

The Bailiffs and Burgesses have petitioned to be ma and confirmed to be a Body Corporate and Politic by t name of the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of D chester, with the addition of certain liberties.

The King thereupon grants that the Borough of Dorches shall be a Free Borough, and the Bailiffs, Burgesses a Inhabitants a Body Corporate and Politic, by the name afo said, with perpetual succession, capable of acquiring, holdi and demising lands, liberties, hereditaments, etc., in f and goods and chattels, of pleading and being implead etc., and shall have a Common Seal.

A Mayor shall be chosen from the more honest and discr Burgesses, two Bailiffs, six Aldermen, chosen from among t Burgesses, and six other Burgesses, similarly chosen, w

together, to the number of fifteen, shall be termed the Capital Burgesses of the Borough, with power to elect so many freemen, dwelling or not dwelling within the Borough, as they please, to be Burgesses.

The Bailiffs, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses shall be a Common Council to assist the Mayor, with power to make bye-laws, with fines and imprisonment upon delinquents, not repugnant to the laws of England.

Francis Ashley, Knight, John Gould, Richard Blachford, John Perkins, William Whitwey, senr., Edmund Dashwood, William Joliff, Bernard Toup, Dennis Bond, John Hill, John Blachford, James Gould, William Whitwey, junr., William Derby, and Richard Savage, now inhabitants and freemen of the Borough, shall be the first fifteen Capital Burgesses.

John Perkins shall be Mayor, until the Monday after Michaelmas next, and for one year after, being first sworn before the present Bailiffs. William Joliff and William Derby shall be Bailiffs; John Gould, Richard Blachford, John Perkins, William Whitewey, senr., Edmund Dashwood and William Joliffe shall be the first Aldermen, for life or good behaviour, if resident, the said Bailiffs and Aldermen having been first sworn before the Mayor. The fifteen Capital Burgesses shall continue for life, unless removed for bad behaviour or non-residence. They shall assemble on the Monday after Michaelmas yearly, and elect one of the Capital Burgesses to be Mayor, (the Mayor, before executing his office, to be sworn before the last Mayor, or the Bailiffs and Capital Burgesses present) and two to be Bailiffs for one year (to be sworn before the Mayor before executing their office). On a vacancy occurring during the year of office another Capital Burgess shall be chosen for the residue of the term. The Mayor shall be removable for bad government, or other reasonable cause.

Similar provisions are made as to the Bailiffs, and Aldermen upon their death or removal from office and the Capital Burgesses.

Full power is given to the Mayor and Bailiffs, and their successors, to administer the oaths, as aforesaid, without further warrant.

If the persons elected refuse to hold office, they shall be liable to fine and imprisonment in the Prison of the Borough.

They shall have within the Borough a man learned in the law, as Recorder. Francis Ashley, Knight, Serjeant-at-Law, shall be the first Recorder, and hold office for life,

being first sworn before the Mayor. Subsequent Recor shall be chosen by the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and ot Capital Burgesses, to hold office at their pleasure, being f sworn before the Mayor.

They shall also have a Common Clerk—William Der gentleman, to be the first—to hold office during pleas of the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses, v shall elect the subsequent Clerks. The Clerk shall be sw before the Mayor.

A Court of Record shall be held every three weeks, Monday, before the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen, Recorc and the Common Clerk, or before two or more of them, of wh the Mayor and Recorder (or in his absence the Common Cle to be one, in which may be tried pleas and actions emerg within the jurisdiction of the Borough, not exceeding £ with power of attachment by person or goods.

The Mayor, Recorder, the Mayor's last predecessor one year, the Bailiffs, and one Capital Burgess elected by Mayor and Capital Burgesses, shall be Justices of the Pe within the Borough, and they or any three or more of the of whom the Mayor and Recorder to be two, shall have pov to enquire concerning felonies, etc., as County Justices ha but not to determine treason, murder, or felony, or any mat touching the loss of life or members, but to hear and determ other offences which pertain to the office of Justice of the Pea

No one of our Justices of Peace or Labourers or Artific in the County of Dorset shall intermeddle within the lim of the Borough.

The aforesaid John Perkins, before executing the off of Justice of the Peace, shall be sworn before the Bailiffs.

All other Justices of the Peace shall be sworn before t Mayor.

There shall be a prison within the Borough; two S jeants-at-Mace, to execute processes and attend upon t Mayor, and carry before the Mayor within the Borough g or silver maces, with the arms of England, as they have befc been used to do.

No one, not a free Burgess or free Inhabitant, shall exerc any art, occupation or mistery, or use any shop or stati for sale, except only in the time of Fairs or Markets, within t Borough, under pain of forfeiture, fine and imprisonme

The Corporation shall have to their own use the goc and chattells of felons, fugitives, outlaws, etc., with the

ception of offences of high treason and premunire, to have Return and Execution of Briefs, etc., and to have all tolls of corn brought for sale in the market, as accustomed.

All the Inhabitants of the Borough to be a Body Corporate and Politic, by the name of the Governor, Assistants, and Free Men of the Borough of Dorchester, with perpetual succession, capable of holding lands and tenements, goods and chattells, to plead and be impleaded, and to have a Common Seal.

A Governor of the Free Men of the Borough shall be chosen, and twenty-four Free Men or free inhabitants to be the Common Council of the Free Men of the Borough to assist the Governor.

The Governor, four assistants chosen by the Free Men from among the twenty-four assistants, and five other assistants chosen by the Mayor from among the Capital Burgesses, shall hold four Courts yearly, for the purpose of admitting persons to the liberty of the Borough and for treating of matters concerning the Free Men; and four other Courts yearly, to consult on matters concerning merchandise, with power of making bye-laws with penalties by way of fines and amercements (provided that in all the Courts as many Capital Burgesses be present as the Governor and other assistants), and have power of administering oaths in the said Courts and of examining upon oath.

All Free Men of the Borough, Justices of the Peace alone excepted, shall attend the Courts under pain of fines and amercements.

Questions which may arise in the execution of the premises shall be determined by the Mayor, Bailiffs and Capital Burgesses.

John Long, of Dorchester, shall be the first Governor, to continue in office till the Monday after Michaelmas, and to be sworn before the Mayor.

The Freemen shall assemble yearly on this day, and choose one of the Common Council of Freemen to be Governor for the ensuing year, to be sworn before the Mayor.

On the death of a Governor while in office, another shall be chosen for the remainder of the term.

The first twenty-four of the Common Council shall be Simon Hasselbury, Joseph Patie, Robert Coker, William Perkins, John Coke, John Long, Henry Derby, Mathew Butler, Joseph Vnderwood, Edward Dashwood, Richard Williams, Henry Maber, Richard Burye, Thomas Whitle, Thomas Blachford, John Dashwood, Thomas Bushrode, Josiah Tirrey, John Allombrig, Amias Martin, Henry Sims, Robert Napper,

John Stevens and George Munden, to be removable by Mayor, Bailiffs and Capital Burgesses.

On a vacancy, another Freeman of the Borough shall chosen by the Mayor, Bailiffs and Capital Burgesses.

The Governor and Assistants may elect a Clerk, a Recei one or two Bedels, and other inferior officers.

Ratification to the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burge of previously existing liberties, lands, etc., and of all Char and Letters Patents, and all markets and fairs, etc.

They shall render to the King and his successors accustomed rents and services.

CAROLUS DEI GRATIA ANGLIE SCOCIE Francie et Hibe Rex fidei defensor &c.; OMNIBUS ad quos presentes lit pervenerint salutem; CUM Burgus noster de Dorchester Comitatu nostro Dorsettie tenetur de nobis in antiquo do nico, Et Ballivi Burgenses et Inhabitantes Burgi illius dive libertates franchesias immunitates et preheminencias habuer vsi et gavisi fuerunt tam per Chartas diversorum Progenitor et Predecessorum nostrorum Regum et Reginarum An eis antehac factas concessas siue confirmatas quam eci racione diversorum prescripcionum vsuum et consuetudin in eodem Burgo a tempore cuius contrarij memoria homin non existit vsitatorum; CUMQUE dilecti Subditi nostri Bal et Burgenses dicti Burgi nobis humilime supplicaverunt q tenus nos eisdem Balliuis et Burgensibus graciam et mun cenciam nostram regiam exhibere et extendere velim Quodque nos dictos Ballivos et Burgenses necnon Inhabitan Burgi illius pro maiori honore dicti Burgi in vnum Cor corporatum et politicum per literas nostras Patentes ratific confirmare approbare facere redigere constituere seu de n creare dignaremur per nomen Maioris Ballivorum Alderm orum et Burgensium Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu D settie cum addicione quarumdam libertatum privilegior imunitatum et franchesiarum pro meliori gubernacione re mine et melioracione eiusdem Burgi ac Artificum Inhabit cium et Residencium ibidem provt nobis melius fieri et f videbitur; NOS IGITUR volentes quod de cetero imperpetu in eodem Burgo continuo habeatur vnus certus et indubita modus de et pro custodia pacis ac bono regimine et guber cione Populi nostri ibidem, Et quod Burgus predictus de cet imperpetuum permaneat Burgus pacis et quietis ad formidin et terrorem malorum delinquencium et in premium bonoru

et quod pax nostra ceteraque facta Justicie ibidem absque vlteriori dilacione serventur, Sperantesque quod si dicti Balliui et Burgenses et Successores sui ampliora ex Concessione nostra gaudere possint honorem libertates et privilegia tunc ad servicia quo poterint nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris impendenda specialius fortiusque senciant se obligari: De gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris voluimus ordinavimus constituimus declaravimus et concessimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris volumus ordinamus constituimus declaramus et concedimus quod dictus Burgus de Dorchester in predicto Comitatu Dorsettie de cetero imperpetuum sit et erit liber Burgus de se, Et quod Ballivi Burgenses et Inhabitantes Burgi illius, per quodcunque nomen siue per quamcunque incorporacionem antehac incorporati fuerunt, ac vtrum antehac incorporati fuerunt siue non, et Successores sui de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt vigore presencium vnum Corpus corporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine per nomen Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et Burgensium Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie, et eos per nomen Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et Burgensium Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie vnum Corpus corporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris erigimus facimus ordinamus constituimus confirmamus et declaramus per presentes, Et quod per idem nomen Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et Burgensium Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie habeant successionem perpetuam, Et quod ipsi per idem nomen Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et Burgensium Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie sint et erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus Persone habiles et in lege capaces ad habenda perquirenda recipienda et possidenda terras tenementa libertates priuilegia iurisdicciones franchesias et hereditamenta cuiuscunque generis nature vel speciei fuerint sibi et successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate, aceciam bona et cattalla et quascunque alias res cuiuscunque generis nature vel speciei fuerint, Necnon ad danda concedenda dimittenda et assignanda terras tenementa et hereditamenta bona et cattalla, aceciam omnia et singula alia facta et res facienda et exequenda per nomen predictum, Et quod per idem nomen Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et Burgensium Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie placitare et implacitari respondere et responderi defendere et defendi valeant et possint in quibuscunque Curiis placeis

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senior, Edmundus Dashwood, Willielmus Joliff, Bernar
Toup, Dennis Bond, Johannes Hill, Johannes Blachf
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et Richardus Savage, modo Inhabitantes et liberi homi
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decim capitales Burgenses Burgi predicti per nos, vt prefertur nominati fore et esse quindecim primi et moderni capitales Burgenses Burgi predicti, continuabunt et eorum quilibet continuabit in eisdem officijs capitalium Burgensium Burgi predicti durantibus vitis suis nisi interim pro mala gubernacione siue male se gerendis in ea parte aut pro non inhabitando et commorando infra Burgum predictum ab officio illo amoti fuerint, aut eorum aliquis amotus erit. ET VLTERIUS pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis quod Maior Ballivi Aldermani et ceteri capitales Burgenses Burgi predicti pro tempore existentes vel maior pars eorundem (quorum Maiorem pro tempore existentem vel eiusdem Maioris vltimum Predecessorem vnum esse volumus) de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus potestatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt annuatim et quolibet Anno in die lune proximo post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli semet vel eorum maiorem partem assemblandi in *le Towne Hall* Burgi predicti siue in aliquo alio loco conveniente infra Burgum predictum iuxta eorum discrecionem limitando et assignando, et ibidem continuando quovsque ipsi vel eorum maior pars (quorum Maiorem vel eiusdem Maioris vltimum Predecessorem vnum esse volumus) ibidem tunc assemblati ad tunc eligerint vel nominaverint vnum de capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti fore et esse Maiorem eiusdem Burgi pro vno Anno integro tunc proximo sequente et exinde quovsque vnus alius de capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti ad officium illud electus et iuratus fuerit nisi interim pro mala gubernacione aut male se gerendo in ea parte ab officio illo per Ballivos Aldermanos et ceteros capitales Burgenses Burgi predicti pro tempore existentes vel maiorem partem eorum amoti erunt aut eorum aliquis vel aliqui amoti erunt vel amotus erit, Quodque ille postquam sic, vt prefertur, electus et nominatus fuerit in Maiorem Burgi predicti antequam ad officium illud exequendum admittatur Sacramentum corporale super sanctum Dei Evangelium annuatim in die eleccionis sue si tunc fuerit presens et si absens fuerit tunc infra vnum mensem tunc proxime sequentem post datum dicte eleccionis coram vltimo Maiore Predecessore suo aut in eius absencia vel in casu mortis Maioris infra dictum annum coram Ballivis et huiusmodi de capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti pro tempore existentibus qui tunc presentes fuerint in *le Towne Hall* Burgi predicti aut in alio loco con-

veniente infra Burgum predictum iuxta eorum sanas discreciones limitando et assignando ad officium illud recte bene et fideliter in omnibus officium illud tangentibus exequendum prestabit, Et quod post huiusmodi sacramentum sic prestitum Officium Maioris Burgi pro vno anno integro tunc proxime sequente exequi possit et valeat, et vlterius quovsque vnus alius de capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti debito modo et forma predictis in Maioratum Burgi predicti electus prefectus et iuratus fuerit iuxta ordinaciones et constituciones superius in hijs presentibus declaratas. Et vlterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus prefatis Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis, quod Maior Ballivi Aldermani et capitales Burgenses Burgi predicti pro tempore existentes vel maior pars eorundem (quorum Maiorem vel eiusdem Maioris vltimum Predecessorem vnum esse volumus) de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus potestatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt annuatim et quolibet Anno in die lune proximo post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli in *le Towne Hall* aut alio loco conveniente infra Burgum predictum congregati nominandi et eligendi duos de capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti pro tempore existentibus fore et esse Ballivos eiusdem Burgi pro vno anno integro tunc proxime sequente, Qui quidem Ballivi sic de tempore in tempus eligendi, antequam ad officium Ballivorum exequendum admittantur, sacramentum corporale super Sanctum Dei Evangelium ad officium illud bene et fideliter exequendum coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente prestabunt, Et quod post huiusmodi sacramentum sic prestitum Officium Ballivorum Burgi predicti pro vno anno integro tunc proxime sequente exequi valeant et possint. Et si et quocies contigerit Maiorem Burgi predicti pro tempore existentem infra vnum annum, postquam ad officium illud sic, ut prefertur, electus fuerit, mori vel ab officio suo amoveri, quem quidem Maiorem pro mala gubernacione aut alia causa racionabili per Ballivos Aldermanos et ceteros capitales Burgenses Burgi predicti pro tempore existentes vel maiorem partem eorundem amobilem et amobiles esse volumus, quod tunc et tocies bene liceat et licebit Ballivis Aldermanis et ceteris capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti pro tempore existentibus vel maiori parti eorum ad libitum suum vnum alium de capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti in officium Maioris predictum eligere et preficere ad exequendum predictum officium Maioris vsque pre-

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preficere ad supplendum predictum numerum sex Aldermanorum Burgi predicti, continuandos in officio illo durantibus vita sua siue vitis suis naturalibus, nisi interim ab officio illo amoti fuerint aut eorum aliquis amotus fuerit, sacramento corporali coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente ad officium Aldermani dicti Burgi bene et fideliter exequendum prius prestito, et sic tocies quocies casus sic acciderit. ET SI contigerit ceteros capitales Burgenses Burgi predicti pro tempore existentes vel eorum aliquem vel aliquos mori vel ab officio illo amoveri (quos quidem capitales Burgenses et quemlibet eorum pro causa racionabili ad discrecionem Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et ceterorum capitalium Burgensium Burgi predicti supervivencium vel remanencium pro tempore existencium vel maioris partis eorum amobilem et amobiles esse volumus) quod tunc et tocies bene liceat et licebit Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et ceteris capitalibus Burgensibus superviventibus et remanentibus vel maiori parti eorum (quorum Maiorem vel eiusdem Maioris vltimum Predecessorem vnum esse volumus) ad libitum suum vnum siue plures, prout casus exigerit, de Burgensibus Burgi predicti in officium capitalis Burgensis ibidem eligere et preficere ad supplendum predictum numerum sex capitalium Burgensium Burgi predicti, Continuendos in officio illo durantibus vita sua siue vitis suis naturalibus, nisi interim ab officio illo amoti fuerint aut eorum aliquis amotus fuerit, Sacramento corporali coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente ad officium capitalis Burgensis dicti Burgi bene et fideliter exequendum prius prestito, et sic tocies quocies casus sic acciderit; QUARE volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus Maiori Burgi predicti pro tempore existenti plenam potestatem et authoritatem [end of the second skin] dandi et administrandi huiusmodi sacramenta, vt prefertur, omnibus et singulis Maioribus Burgi predicti pro tempore existentibus successoribus suis, necnon omnibus et singulis Ballivis, Aldermanis et capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti tam in presentibus nominatis quam imposterum ibidem futuris, et hoc absque aliqua Commissione vel vlteriori warranto in ea parte procurando aut obtinendo. ET INSUPER volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis quod si aliquis vel aliqui qui imposterum ad officium Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum vel aliorum officiariorum inferiorum Burgi predicti

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eiusdem Maioris vltimum Predecessorem vnum esse volum
ipsum vel ipsos sic recusantem et recusantes super se accip
et exercere officium illud vel Officia illa ad quod vel que i
vel ipsi sic electus et nominatus fuerit et electi et nomin
fuerint committere Prisone Burgi predicti ibidem rem
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et exercere velit vel velint et fines et amerciamenta su
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communi Consilio Burgi predicti vel maiori parti eorum
tempore existencium (quorum Maiorem Burgi predicti
tempore existentem vel eiusdem Maioris vltimum Predec
sorem vnum esse volumus) racionabile videbitur ac ips
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dicti retinere quovsque fines vel amerciamenta illa ad vs
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predicti solvat seu solvi faciat solvant seu solvi faciant.
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successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Maiori Balli
Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoril
suis quod ipsi et successores sui de cetero imperpetuum habe
et habebunt infra Burgum predictum vnum virum discret
in legibus Anglie eruditum qui erit et nominabitur Recorda
Burgi predicti ad exequenda et perficienda in Burgo de D
chester predicto omnia et singula que ad Officium Recordat
pertinent; ET pro meliori execucione Voluntatis et Con
sionis nostre in hac parte assignavimus nominavimus c
stituimus et fecimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredi
et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constituin
et facimus dilectum nobis prefatum Franciscum Ashley milit
vnum Serviencium nostrorum ad legem fore et esse primum
modernum Recordatorem Burgi predicti, continuandum
officio illo durante vita sua naturali, qui quidem Francis
Ashley Miles ac omnes alij qui imposterum in Officio Re

datoris Burgi predicti forent eligendi, antequam ad officium illud exequendum admittentur, sacramentum corporale coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente ad omnia et singula que ad officium Recordatoris Burgi predicti pertinent recte bene et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia facienda et exequenda prestabunt, Et quod de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora post mortem vel amocionem predicti Francisci Ashley bene liceat et licebit Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et ceteris capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predicti pro tempore existentibus vnum alium probum et discretum virum in legibus Anglie eruditum in Recordatorem Burgi predicti eligere et preficere, Continuandum in officio illo durante beneplacito prefatorum Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et ceterorum capitalium Burgensium Burgi predicti, qui quidem Recordator sic eligendus et omnes alij qui imposterum in officium Recordatoris Burgi predicti eligentur vel preficientur, antequam ad officium Recordatoris Burgi predicti admittatur vel admittantur, sacramentum corporale coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente ad omnia et singula que ad officium Recordatoris Burgi predicti pertinent recte bene et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia facienda et exequenda prius prestabit et prestabunt et sic tocies quocies casus sic acciderit. ET VLTERIUS volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt infra Burgum predictum vnum discretum virum qui erit et nominabitur Communis Clericus Burgi predicti, Et pro meliori execucione voluntatis et concessionis nostre in hac parte assignavimus nominavimus constituimus et fecimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constituimus et facimus prefatum Willielmum Derby generosum fore et esse primum et modernum Communem Clericum Burgi predicti, continuandum in eodem officio durante beneplacito Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et capitalium Burgensium Burgi predicti vel maioris partis eorum, qui quidem Willielmus Derby, ac omnes alij qui imposterum in officio communis Clerici Burgi predicti forent eligendi, sacramentum corporale coram Maiore Burgi predicti ad omnia et singula que ad officium communis Clerici Burgi predicti pertinent recte bene et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia facienda et exequenda prestabunt et eorum quilibet prestabit, Et quod de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora post mortem vel

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Burgi predicti pro tempore existente ad omnia et singula
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ET VLTERIUS volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredil
et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Maiori Balli
Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester in Comit
Dorsettie et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui
cetero imperpetuum habeant et teneant ac habere et ten
possint et valeant infra Burgum de Dorchester predict
vnam Curiam de Recordo quolibet die lune a tribus septima
in tres septimanas (Anglice *every three weekes*) per annum
tempore in tempus imperpetuum coram Maiore Balli
Aldermanis Recordatore et communi Clerico Burgi pred
vel coram quibuscunque duobus vel pluribus eorum (quor
prefatum Maiorem Recordatorem vel in eius absencia cc
munem Clericum vnum esse volumus), Et quod in Curia
tenere possint per querelam siue querelas in eadem Cu
levandas omnia et omnimoda placita debita Contractus c
venciones Compota detenciones decepciones transgressio
vi et armis elecciones firmarum acciones super casum, aceci
omnia et omnimoda placita acciones reales personales et mix
sectas et demandas quecunque facta mota emergenda s
imposterum perpetranda infra Burgum predictum aut in
libertates siue iurisdiccionem Burgi de Dorchester predicti
murorum vel fossatarum eiusdem non attingencia vl
summam quadraginta librarum. Et volumus ac pro nc
heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus et constituir
quod persona versus quam et persone versus quas huiusm
accio vel acciones querele placita vel demande in dicta Cu
prosequi vel moveri contigerit vel contigerint per eor
Corpora ac per bona et cattalla sua infra Burgum predict
ac infra libertates privilegia et precinctum Burgi pred
ac infra muros et fossatas eiusdem Burgi inuenta siue existen
arestentur et attachientur et corpus et corpora eorum Pris

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tum libertates limites locorum siue Parochiarum predictor
quoquomodo imposterum sine speciali warranto nostro hered
vel successorum nostrorum non procedant. DAMUS eci
ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nos
concedimus prefatis Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensi
Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis quod dicti Maior Rec
dator ac vltimus Predecessor cuiuslibet Maioris, necnon p
dicti Ballivi ac predicta Persona sic, vt prefertur, nominar
et eligenda pro tempore existentes deinceps imperpetu
omnia et singula alia transgressiones offensas defectus
articulos que ad officium Justiciarij pacis infra Burgum p
dictum aut libertates limites precinctum bundas muros
fossatas eiusdem aut infra omnes Parochias dicti Burgi t
infra libertates quam extra pertinent facienda inquir
audire peragere seu determinare possint seu poterint.
volumus et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris firmi
per presentes mandamus quod nullus Justiciarius pacis
laboratorum et artificum nostrorum heredum vel successor
nostrorum in Comitatu Dorsettie pro tempore existen
sese vllo modo imposterum intromittant nec aliquis eor
intromittat de vel pro aliquibus felonijs rebus causis mate
defectibus seu alijs articulis quibuscunque ad officium J
ticiarii pacis laboratorum et artificum spectantibus siue p
tinentibus infra dictum Burgum libertates limites precinct
bundas muros aut fossatas eiusdem Burgi aut Parochias di
Burgi tam infra libertates quam extra ex quacunque ca
emergentibus siue contingentibus. VOLUMUS tamen ac
presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris c
stituimus et ordinamus quod predictus Johannes Perk
superius in Presentibus nominatus fore Maior Burgi predi
antequam ad execucionem officij Justiciarij pacis infra Burg
predictum [end of the third skin] exequi admittatur, sac
mentum corporale super sanctum Dei Evangelium ad offici
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et iuramentum in ea parte per leges et statuta huius Re
nostri provisum a Justiciariis pacis prestari requisitum cor
Ballivis Burgi predicti prestabit, Quibus quidem Balli
plenam potestatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus
presentes dandi et administrandi huiusmodi sacramenta,
prefertur, prefato Johanni Perkins absque vlteriori warra
vel Commissione in ea parte procurando. Volumus eciam q
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presencium constituti et constituendi uta officium Justiciarij pacis ibidem virtute presencium exequendum huiusmodi sacramentum, vt prefertur, antequam ad officium illud exequendum admittantur coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente prestabunt, Et quod Maior Burgi predicti pro tempore existens plenam habeat et habebit potestatem et authoritatem dandi et administrandi dictum sacramentum dictis Justiciariis pacis et eorum cuilibet tam presentibus quam futuris absque aliqua Commissione siue vlteriori warranto in ea parte a nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris procurando aut obtinendo. Et vlterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus et concedimus prefatis Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis, quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et eorum successoribus habere erigere retinere et appunctuare quandam domum siue prisonam infra Burgum predictum ad custodiendos et puniendos malefactores et ad custodiendas tales personas que fuerint attachiate per corpora ex aliqua occasione vel aliquibus occasionibus per processum Curie ibidem. Et vlterius volumus et per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis quod de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt in Burgo predicto duos officiarios qui erunt et vocabuntur Servientes ad Clavas pro execucione processuum et mandatorum ac aliorum negociorum in Burgo predicto de tempore in tempus exequendorum et peragendorum, Qui duo Servientes ad Clavas erunt attendentes de tempore in tempus in et super Maiorem eiusdem Burgi et successores suos imperpetuum, Et quod ijdem Servientes ad Clavas in Burgo predicto deputandi Clavas deauratas vel argenteas ac signo armorum huius regni Anglie ornatas vbicunque infra dictum Burgum de Dorchester ac libertates et precinctum eiusdem coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente portabunt prout antehac vsi fuerunt. Et vlterius volumus et concedimus pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis imperpetuum quod nullus Mercator Artifex Agricola laborarius laborator aut aliqui vsitantes siue exercentes aliquam artem occupacionem siue misterium vel alius quicunque qui non sit aut fuerit liber Burgensis vel liber Inhabitans Burgi predicti aliquam artam occupacionem siue Misterium infra Burgum

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eiusdem exerceat nec in aliqua arte occupacione siue Miste
infra Burgum predictum vel precinctum bundas muros
fossatas eiusdem operet vel laboret nec aliquam dom
Shopam locum siue Stacionem habeat aut vtatur in Bu
predicto aut precinctu eiusdem pro vendicione vel vtteraci
aliquorum mercimoniorum siue merchandizarum ibidem
pro execucione alicuius artis occupacionis siue misterii in Bu
predicto, Nisi tantumodo tempore Feriarum et Nundinar
infra Burgum predictum, Prohibentes omnes alias perso
quascunque preter prefatos liberos Burgenses et liberos
habitantes Burgi predicti pro tempore existentes et eor
Apprenticios solumodo, Quod nec ipsi nec eorum aliqui aliqu
artem occupacionem siue misterium infra Burgum predict
et precinctum eiusdem exerceant vel exercere presum
nec in aliqua arte occupacione siue misterio infra Burg
predictum precinctum libertates bundas muros et fossatas ei
dem exerceant vel laborent seu exercere vel laborare presum
neque aliquam Domum shopam locum siue stacionem habe
vel vtantur vel habere aut vti presumant in Burgo predi
seu precinctu eiusdem pro execucione vendicione aut vtte
cione aliquarum rerum mercimoniorum siue mercandizaru
nisi tantummodo temporibus feriarum et Nundinarum in
Burgum predictum sub pena forisfacture eorum ac sub pe
finis et imprisonamenti corporum suorum pro contem
et inobediencia in non perimplendo et performando c
cessionem nostram et mandatum nostrum regium in hac par
CONCESSIMUS eciam ac per presentes pro nobis heredib
et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Maiori Balli
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suis, quod Maior Ballivi Aldermani et Burgenses Burgi p
dicti et successores sui de cetero imperpetuum habeant
habebunt et habere possint et valeant ad proprium o
et vsum eiusdem Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et B
gensium Burgi predicti et successorum suorum omnia
omnimoda bona et catalla omnium et singulorum felonum
fugitivorum vtlagatorum et waviatorum vtlagandorum
waviandorum seu in exigenda positorum adiudicatorum
adiudicandorum attinctorum et attingi contingendorum c
victorum et convincendorum fugitivorum et exigendor
pro felonia murdro vel parva prodicione vulgariter nuncup
Petty Treason transgressione aut alia re vel causa quacunc
(Exceptis omnibus et singulis offensis de alta prodicione

premunire positis vel ponendis) ac felonum de se et deodanda manupert' manuopera et alia forisfacta antedicta (exceptis preexceptis) tangencia siue concernencia de omnibus et singulis Burgensibus et Inhabitantibus residentibus et non residentibus infra Burgum predictum et libertates et precinctum eiusdem ac de omnibus et singulis alijs quibuscunque infra Burgum predictum precinctum libertates et franchesias eiusdem inventis et extunc imposterum inveniri contingentibus, Et quod si aliqua persona pro delicto suo vitam vel membra perdere debeat vel fugerit et iudicio stare noluerit vel aliud quodcunque delictum fecerit pro quo bona et catalla sua debeat amittere vel forisfacere vbicunque Justicia de eo fieri debeat siue sit in Curia nostra heredum vel Successorum nostrorum siue in aliqua alia Curia quacunque ipsa bona et catalla infra Burgum predictum libertates et precinctum eiusdem existencia seu exnunc infuturum existere contingencia sint et pertinere debeant predicto Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie et successoribus suis imperpetuum, Et quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis imperpetuum sine impedimento nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum vel aliquorum Officiariorum nostrorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque ponere se in seisinam de bonis et cattallis predictis modo et forma predicto (exceptis preexceptis) et ea ad opus et vsum ipsorum Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et Burgensium Burgi predicti et successorum suorum recipere et retinere possint imperpetuum, licet eadem bona siue cattalla per nos vel heredes vel successores nostros seu per ministros nostros heredum vel successorum nostrorum prius seisita fuerint; Et quod ipsi Maior Ballivi Aldermani et Burgenses et successores sui imperpetuum habeant et habebunt omnia et omnimoda fines redempciones et amerciamenta exitus forisfacturas penas et forisfacta quecunque pro omnibus et singulis transgressionibus et alijs malefactis et pro alijs causis et materiis infra Burgum predictum perpetratis et perpetrandis ad opus ipsorum Maioris Ballivorum Aldermanorum et Burgensium et successorum suorum imperpetuum absque impedimento nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum aut aliorum quorumcunque, Et quod ipsi Maior Ballivi Aldermani et Burgenses Burgi predicti et successores sui imperpetuum habeant et habebunt returna et execuciones omnium brevium et preceptorum nostrorum de et pro omnibus rebus infra

Burgum predictum que ibidem fieri et exequi a
emergent quovismodo, Aceciam summoniciones e
precepta Scaccarij nostri heredum et successorum
et execuciones eorundem, licet huiusmodi execucion
nos vel heredes nostros, Quodque ipsi et successores s
et percipiant omnia tolneta granorum ad merca
Burgum predictum vendendorum adducendorum pr
antehac vsitatum fuit.

SCIATIS vlterius quod nos pro meliori augı
ordinacione et direccione Commercij infra Bu
dictum de ampliori gracia nostra speciali ac ex cer
et mero motu nostris voluimus ordinavimus co
et concessimus ac per presentes pro nobis he
Successoribus nostris volumus ordinamus consti
concedimus quod omnes et singuli homines et in
Burgi predicti de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt
pus corporatum et polliticum in re facto et nomine
Gubernatoris Assistencium et liberorum hominum
Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie predicti, Et nos
Gubernatoris Assistencium et liberorum homin
de Dorchester predicti vnum Corpus corporatum et
in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum pro nobis
et successoribus nostris erigimus ordinamus co
et declaramus per presentes, Et quod per idem nom
natoris Assistencium et liberorum hominum Burgi
chester habeant successionem perpetuam, Et quod
nomen Gubernatoris Assistencium et liberorum
Burgi de Dorchester sint et erunt perpetuis futuris t
persone habiles et in lege capaces ad habenda pe
recipienda et possidenda terras tenementa libertates
iurisdicciones franchesias et hereditamenta cuiuscunq
nature vel speciei fuerint sibi et successoribus suis
et perpetuitate, aceciam bona et cattalla et q
alias res cuiuscunque generis nature vel speciei fuerin
ad danda concedenda dimittenda et assignanda te
menta et hereditamenta bona et catalla, aceciam
singula alia facta et res facienda et exequenda p
predictum, Et quod per idem nomen Gubernatoris
cium et liberorum hominum Burgi de Dorchester
placitare et implacitari respondere et responderi de
defendi valeant et possint in quibuscunque Curi
et locis et coram quibuscunque Judicibus et Justi
alijs personis et officiarijs nostri heredum vel su

nostrorum in omnibus sectis querelis placitis causis materijs et demandis realibus personalibus seu mixtis quibuscunque tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus cuiuscunque sint generis nature vel speciei eisdem modo et forma prout alij ligei nostri huius regni nostri Anglie persone habiles et in lege capaces placitare et implacitari respondere et responderi, defendere et defendi ac habere perquirere recipere dare concedere et dimittere valeant et possint, Et quod Gubernator Assistentes et liberi homines Burgi predicti pro tempore existentes et successores sui habeant imperpetuum commune sigillum pro causis et negocijs suis et successorum suorum agendis deserviturum, et quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Gubernatori Assistentibus et liberis hominibus Burgi predicti Sigillum illud de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere prout eis melius fieri et fore videbitur. ET VLTERIUS volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus et ordinamus quod de cetero imperpetuum sit et erit infra Burgum predictum vnus discretus vir de liberis hominibus Burgi predicti pro tempore existentibus in forma inferius in presentibus mencionata eligendus qui sit erit et vocabitur Gubernator liberorum hominum Burgi predicti, Quodque similiter sint et erunt infra Burgum predictum viginti quatuor de melioribus et discrecioribus liberis hominibus vel liberis Inhabitantibus Burgi predicti in forma eciam inferius in presentibus mencionata eligendi qui sint et erunt et vocabuntur Commune Concilium liberorum hominum Burgi predicti et erunt de tempore in tempus assistentes et auxiliantes dicto Gubernatori pro tempore existenti in omnibus rebus causis et materijs mercature siue Commercij infra Burgum predictum aut alias res* dictum Gubernatorem et Assistentes quoquomodo tangentes siue concernentes. ET VLTERIUS volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus, necnon de vberiori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris concedimus prefatis Gubernatori Assistentibus et liberis hominibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis quod bene liceat et licebit prefatis Gubernatori pro tempore existenti ac quatuor Assistentibus per liberos homines Burgi predicti vel maiorem partem eorum de tempore in tempus de predicto numero viginti quatuor nominandis et eligendis et quinque aliis Assistentibus

* The construction here is faulty; for "alias res . . . tangentes siue concernentes," should be read "aliis rebus . . . tangentibus siue concernentibus."

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amerciamenta levare modo et forma predictis, ac eadem hab possint ad vsum dictorum Gubernatoris et Assistencium berorum hominum Burgi predicti et successorum suoru Et si dubitaciones questiones differencie siue contencioı alique in aut circa execucionem premissorum aut eorum alicu inter dictos Gubernatorem et Assistentes aliquo temp imposterum oriri seu moveri contigerint, Quod tunc et toc quocies casus sic acciderit omnes huiusmodi dubitacioı questiones differencie et contenciones per Maiorem Balliv et capitales Burgenses Burgi predicti vel maiorem part eorum (quorum Maiorem vel eiusdem Maioris vltimum Pre cessorem vnum esse volumus) adiudicabuntur et finali determinabuntur, Aliquo in presentibus contento in contrariı non obstante. Et pro meliori execucione voluntatis et cc cessionis nostre in hac parte assignavimus nominavim constituimus et fecimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredib et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constituim et facimus dilectum nobis Johannem Long de Burgo de D chester predicto fore et esse primum et modernum Guberr torem liberorum hominum Burgi predicti, Continuandı in eodem officio vsque ad diem Lune proximum post festı Sancti Michaelis Archiangeli proxime sequens post datı presencium et exinde quovsque vnus alius de Assistentib pro tempore existentibus in Gubernatorem liberorum hominı Burgi predicti electus prefectus et iuratus fuerit, Sacramen corporali ad officium illud bene et fideliter exequendum cora Maiore Burgi predicti prius prestando. Et vlterius volum ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nost concedimus prefatis Gubernatori et Assistentibus liberorı hominum Burgi predicti et successoribus suis, quod lib homines Burgi predicti pro tempore existentes de tempore tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus potestatem et authorit tem habeant et habebunt annuatim et quolibet anno in c Lune proximo post festum sancti Michaelis Archiangeli aliquo loco conveniente infra Burgum predictum semet asse blandi et congregandi et ibidem nominandi et eligendi vnı de liberis hominibus Burgi predicti qui sint et fuerint de coı muni Consilio liberorum hominum Burgi illius fore et es Gubernatorem liberorum hominum Burgi predicti pro v anno integro tunc proxime sequente, Quodque ille postqua sic, vt prefertur, electus et prefectus fuerit officium ill habeat et exerceat pro vno anno integro tunc proxime sequer et exinde quovsque vnus alius ad officium illud debito mo

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Consilio liberorum hominum Burgi predicti pro temp existencium mori vel ab officio illo amoveri (quos quid viginti quatuor aut aliquem vel aliquos eorum amobilem amobiles esse volumus ad beneplacitum Maioris Ballivor et capitalium Burgensium Burgi predicti pro tempore exist cium vel maioris partis eorum quorum Maiorem vel eiusd Maioris vltimum Predecessorem vnum esse volumus) qı tunc et tocies bene liceat et licebit dictis Maiori Ballivis capitalibus Burgensibus pro tempore existentibus vel ma: parti eorum, vt prefertur, alium vel alios de liberis hominil Burgi predicti ad supplendum predictum numerum vigi quatuor de communi Consilio liberorum hominum Bu predicti eligere et preficere, Continuandos in officio illo dura: beneplacito, vt prefertur. Et vlterius pro nobis heredil et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus prefatis Gub natori et Assistentibus vel eorum maiori parti, vt prefert plenam potestatem et authoritatem habendi nominandi eligendi vnum Clericum vnum Receptorem vnum vel dı Bedellarios et alios Officiarios et ministros inferiores prout melius videbitur expedire.

Et vlterius volumus ac de vberiori gracia nos speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nost damus concedimus ratificamus confirmamus et app: bamus pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Mai Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorches in Comitatu Dorsettie et successoribus suis imperpetuı omnia et omnimoda libertates franchesias exempcior privilegia iurisdicciones terras tenementa redditus revercior et hereditamenta quecunque que Ballivi et Burgenses Bu predicti modo habent tenent vtuntur et gaudent et que eorı aliqui vel Predecessores sui per quecunque nomina siue p quodcunque nomen vel quamcunque Incorporacionem pretextu cuiuscunque Incorporacionis antehac habuerı vsi vel gavisi fuerunt aut habere tenere vel gaudere debuerı racione vel pretextu literarum Patencium siue Chartarı precharissimi nuper Patris nostri Domini Jacobi beate memo Regis aut aliquarum aliarum Chartarum aut literarum Pate cium per aliquem alium Progenitorum vel antecessorı nostrorum Regum vel Reginarum Anglie quoquomodo anteh factarum confirmatarum vel concessarum seu quocunq alio legali modo iure consuetudine vsu siue prescriptione an hac legittime vsitata et consueta licet eadem aut eorum aliqu vel aliqua antehac vsitata non fuerunt vel fuit aut abvsita

vel male vsitata vel discontinuata fuerunt vel fuit, aut licet eadem vel eorum aliquod aut aliqua forisfacta aut deperdita sunt aut fuerunt, Ac omnes et omnimodas chartas literas Patentes et Confirmaciones concessas siue factas per Progenitores nostros Reges et Reginas Regni Anglie vel per aliquem vel aliquam eorum prefatis Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester siue per aliquod aliud nomen vel aliqua alia nomina quecunque vel quodcunque, Et quod dicti Maior Ballivi Aldermani et Burgenses Burgi predicti et successores sui habeant teneant vtantur et gaudeant ac habere tenere vti et gaudere possint et valeant deinceps imperpetuum infra Burgum de Dorchester predictum tot tanta talia et huiusmodi mercatos ferias libertates franchesias privilegia et preheminencias quecunque et cuiuscunque nature vel speciei fuerint quot quanta qualia et que dicti Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi predicti seu aliqui Predecessorum suorum per quodcunque nomen siue nomina incorporati siue vocati fuerunt antehac habuerunt tenuerunt vsi vel gavisi fuerunt seu habere vel vti debuerunt seu potuerunt in vel infra Burgum de Dorchester predicta racione alicuius donacionis literarum Patencium prescripcionis vsus vel alterius tituli cuiuscunque, et quod Maior, Ballivi Aldermani et Burgenses Burgi de Dorchester et eorum successores ea omnia et singula premissa absque impedimento nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum Admirallorum Clerici Mercati aut aliorum Ballivorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque de cetero plene gaudeant et vtantur imperpetuum, HABENDUM tenendum exercendum vtendum et gaudendum Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsettie et successoribus suis imperpetuum ; Ac reddendo et solvendo inde nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris annuatim tot tanta talia eadem et huiusmodi redditus servicia et demandas quecunque quot quanta qualia et que nobis antehac pro eisdem reddi seu solvi consueverunt seu reddere seu solvere debuerunt, EO QUOD expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum vel eorum alicuius aut de alijs donis siue Concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem Progenitorum siue Predecessorum nostrorum prefatis Maiori Ballivis Aldermanis et Burgensibus Burgi ante hec tempora factis in presentibus minime facta existat, aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione provisione proclamacione siue restriccione in contrarium inde antehac habito facto edito ordinato siue proviso aut aliqua

alia re causa vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstan
IN CUIUS rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecin
patentes; TESTE me ipso apud Canbury vicesimo secu
die Septembris Anno Regni nostri quinto. Per breve
privato sigillo.—WOLSELEY.

Broad seal of dark wax, suspended by plaited co
of white and red silk.

Endorsed, "A Char' for the Towne of Dorchester
WOLSELEY."

There are kept at Dorchester two translations of t
Charter, made in paper books, the first styled "A Copie
the Charter graunted by King Charles the first vnto the Ma
Bailiffs Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorches
in the County of Dorset transcribed into English 166
A. 27. The other is undated, but much later. A. 28.

Cost of the Charter (C. 9).

1629, Sept. 26. "It is agreed that whereas John Cond
[in London] hath paid to Mr. John Arnold for procuring
the Charter 135 *li*, being 5 *li* more then he could dema
by agreement, yet, all the mony being expended in Fees
is alleaged, the said Arnold demaunds recompence farther
his paynes, viz. 100 *li*. Such his demaund is conceived
bee both vniust and vnreasonable, yet it is thought fitt,
as the same Charter be deliuered vnder the broad seale v
John Conduit to bee brought downe by the Monday a
Michaelmas next, that he be paid more 40 *li*, and for the m
to bee raised for the presente for the expedition, it is agr
that there shall bee lent these somes following by the pers
vnder named," viz.:

	LI.	
Mr. Bailiff Toup		Mr. Will'm Joliff ..
Mr. Bailiff Whiteway ..	03	Mr. Dennis Bond ..
Mr. John Gould		Mr. John Hill ..
Mr. Richard Blachford ..	05	Mr. John Blachford
Mr. John Parkins.. ..	0	Mr. James Gould ..
Mr. Will'm Whiteway, sen.	05	Mr. Richard Savage
Mr. Edmund Dashwood ..	03	Will'm Derby ..

Pleading the Charter (C. 9).

1638-9, Jan. 3. "It is ordered that 100 *li* bee taken
of the hospital as borowed, and to give the Towne seale fo
and mony to bee paid out of it to plead the Charter, and

accompt in the Exchequer for the King's casuall Revenewes ever sithence primo Car., and with the rest the Towne debte to be paid."

Quo Warranto (C. 15).

1662, April 9. "£10 to be paid to Mr. Bushrod for so much he advanced to Mr. Constantine to stop the Quo Warranto."

1662, May 24. "Mr. Twisse, the Towne Steward, is ordered to pay vnto Mr. Bestland the somme of Ten shillings in full of his bill for preventing and stopping of the Quo Warranto, which remaynes vpon the ballance of his bill."

XXX.

Bundle of Acquittances made to Burgesses of Dorchester for the annual payment of their fee-farm rent.—1 Mary to 23 Charles I. B. 6.

This is a bundle of Acquittances to the Burgesses of Dorchester for the annual payment of £20, their fee farm rent, "pro hospicio domini Regis," from Michaelmas to Michaelmas, payable half-yearly. There are fifty-one of these documents, beginning 1 Mary. For the reign of Elizabeth the following years are extant, viz., 15, 17, 22, 23, 28, 31, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44; of James I., 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10-22 inclusive; of Charles I., 1-17 inclusive. Three years, 18, 19, 20 Charles I. (1643-4-5) were respited. The last acquittance is for 23 Charles I. (1648) for £54, part of £60 due for the past three years to Michaelmas, 1648, paid to Thos. Fauconberge, Esq., Receiver General within the Receipt of the Exchequer. This is endorsed, "The 'Quietus est Dorchester,' for 3 yeares ended att Mich'mas, 1648. Mr. Bushrod, Mr. Whiteway & Mr. Blachford Mayors. When this made there was hope of abatem^t of 2 *s* ꝑ *l* ꝑ rat': but could not bee allowed, so it was p^d Mich. 1649, w^h Mr. Loders quiet' est. 3 yeres respected viz' 1643, 1644, 1645."

On the back of the Quietus for 17 Charles I. (1641-2), the following statement of fees occurs:

	£	s.	d.
For joyning & allowing the Tallyes ..	0	5	0
To the Clerke of the Pipe	0	3	4
To the Attorney in the Pipe	0	6	8
To the Comptroller	0	1	0
To the Clarke	0	1	0
	0	17	0

That of 1 Mary is endorsed : " The Acquytanse of Richa: Bugelonde & Owyn Hayman of Twenty Pownds. Md tl by the suet of the above namyd Owyn by the vrtu of a C staffe* owt of the Escheker was payid owt of lowdsffylde vı the xvtent in Dorchestr the sum' of x s John Churchyll bey: . . . ther."

" To be shoued unto Mr. John Churchell."

Attached to this acquittance is a receipt on paper fo: payment of 10th and 15th :

" The borow
of Dorchester. iiijto die Noue'bris Anno p'
Marie r'gine [1553]

Receyuid for the xth & xvth due to the Quenis M graunted To our late souiriegne lorde King Edwarde Sixth in th vjth yere of his regne sixe pounds
by me Deonise Bonde
Collecter thear

XXXI.

Other Fee Farm Memoranda, 1615-1663.

" Md that whereas there was due by the Towne of Dors [*sic*] by Acte of parliament to the cofferer† of Kings M house xx *li* per annum vizt. halfe yearelie Tenne poun for that the saide towne paide for anno Nono and Deci vnto the Late Prince Henry his Auditors and Receavors their owne wronge beinge due vpon a nomine penæ to saide Cofferer ; The Lo : Trer, vpon a Constat that the To had paide it to the Kings Mats vse, was pleased to geve warr the Cofferer should be sattisfied for the saide two yea out of other his Mats revenewes, wch was done accordin by a Tally stroken vpon the Receaver gen1 of Somersett Dorsett, Soe as the foure Tallies for Anno Nono and A Decimo were cancelled and cutt in peeces in his Mats Exch and the Towne discharged of the saide Fortie Poundes. Witr our hand the xxjth daie of November, 1615.
per nos Jo : Gwillams,
George Vernam."

* *i.e.*, a *Constat*, or certificate which the Clerk of the Pipe and Audito the Exchequer make at the request of any person who intends to plea move, in that Court, for discharge of anything.

† " The Cofferer of the King's Houshold, under the Controller, has c sight of the other officers of the House, for their good Demeanor, and Car in their offices, to all which he pays their wages." (Cowel's *Law. Dict.*, 17

Endorsed, "Mr Guilliams note & Certeficatt for the discharge of Dorchester fee farme rent for anno 9° & x° R's Jac. B. 64 *d*.

"At the Committee of the Publique Revenue sitting att Westminster the xxj^th^ day of June 1649.

It is this day ordered that the Towne of Dorchester doe pay the arreares of their Fee Farme rent of xx *li* per Ann' for the yeares 1646, 1647 and 1648, the howse of Parliament haveing lately ordered all Arreares for those yeares to bee paid in: But for the yeares 1643, 1644 and 1645 they are respited.

Tho: Grey — Ed Howard
Dennis Bond — John Trenchard."

Endorsed, "21 June. A Coppie of the order of the Committee" (rest obliterated). B. 64*e*.

1649, September 19. "That whereas there was due for the fee farme Rent of the Towne to the King for six yeares at Michaelmas, 1648, by a Composition made by Mr. Mayor with the Committee of the Revenue there was procured a suspension for the first three yeares of the sayd six, And the other three yeares with xx s per annum for the Quietus est was payd vnto Mr. Mayor after this manner, vid.:

	£	s.
From Mr. Savage out of Fordington Parsonage	20	00
From Mr. Bushrod of the Brewhouse old debts	20	00
From Mr. Jn° Whiteway for his yeare ..	11	00
From Mr. Bushrod for his yeare	11	00
From Mr. Dashwood for suspension of his two yeares	02	00
	64	00

The first xx *li* was p'd for Mr. Blachford's yeare. The other xx *li* was p'd by the Towne in lieu of x *li* per annum office monny wch the Towne Steward ought to have p'd to John Whiteway & Mr. John Bushrod in their respective yeares but was not p'd." C. 12.

1650, May 8. "Whereas Mr. Loder hath written to Mr. Mayor from Lond' to acquaint the Towne that the fee farme Rent of the Towne is now to be sold, and that it is conceiued by Mr. Denis Bond and him that 200 *li* will purchase it. It is desired that Mr. Bury do write to Mr. Loder that he should contract for it in his own and Mr. Terryes names vpon this Condicion that the Corporacion shall have their Choice for two

yeares time to take it off from them, paying the monny wh it Costs." C. 12.

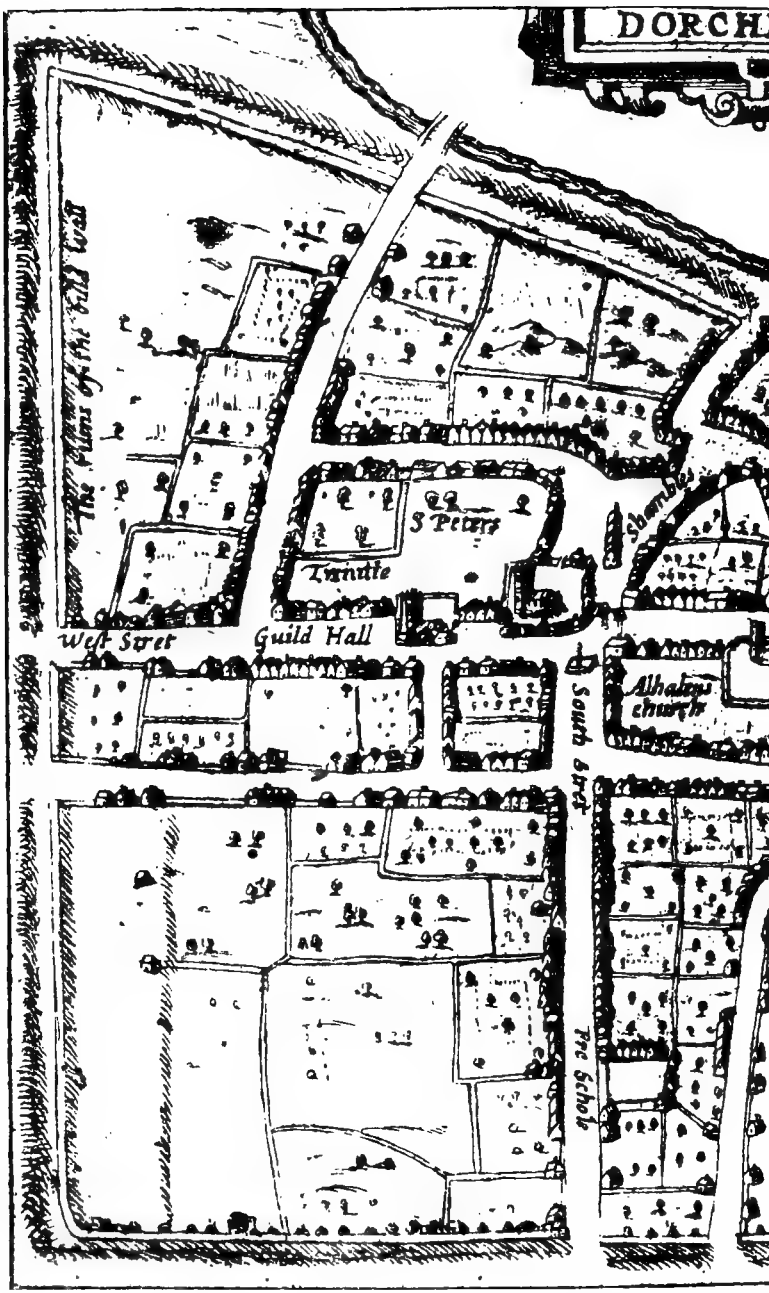
1650, June 17. "£200 of the Parsonage money lent the purchase of the £20 fee farm rent." C. 12.

1661, October 18. "This day Mr. Richard Savage brou in an acquittance in order to a Quietus est from the She of this county for Twenty pounds for the fee farme Rent c at Michaelmas last, wch was putt into the Towne ches C. 15.

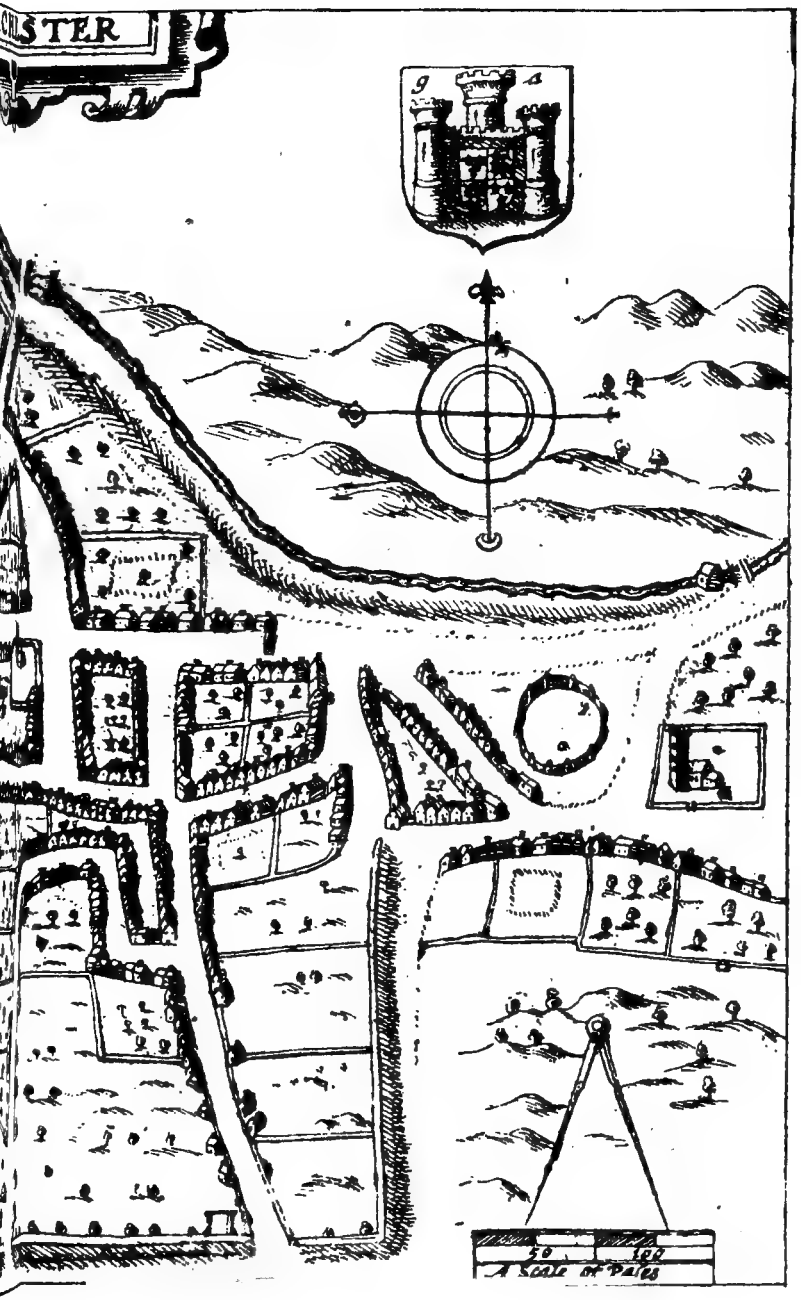
1661, October 19. "Receipt of Mr. Thomas Frampt Undersheriff of Dorset, for £20, for the Fee Farm Rent, the year of Mr Richard Savage." B. 31.

1662, July 11. "It is ordered that whereas there v Two hundred pounds heretofore borrowed of Seaton parson monny to purchase the Fee farme Rent of the Borough for t benefitt of the Toune, that the said Two hundred pou shall be repayed out of the next fines that shall be made vp Towne lands, and the monny to be secured in good ha to that vse." C. 15.

1663, October 23. "The discharge for £20 payable the King for his fee farme rent, for the mayoralty of Mr. Te ended at Mich., 1662, was brought in. Also the same the mayoralty of Mr. Edw. Dashwood, ended Mich. las C. 15.



Old Plan of Dor



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II.

THE DORCHESTER DOMESDAY BOOK.

The most remarkable among the Records belonging to the Corporation is its "Domesday Book." This is a thick square volume of 181 parchment leaves (each measuring 11 ins. deep by 14 ins. high), bound in stout oak boards, covered with stamped pigskin.

At the beginning are six fly leaves of paper, followed by two blank leaves of parchment, To these immediately succeed seven (numbered) leaves of parchment, with writing, and an eighth blank and unnumbered. These seven leaves contain: (1) The bye-laws sanctioned by the Court of the town, on Monday next after Michaelmas, 2 Henry V., 1414. (2) A statement of the reason of the institution of this book. (3) The custom as to actions to be brought in the Court of the town, presented at a View of Frank Pledge, 2 October, 26 Henry VI., 1447. (4) Sixteen enrolments of the reign of Henry VIII., entered here out of their natural order. The analyses of these documents have been placed in their proper position later on.

After the eighth and blank leaf the numbering of the leaves begins anew, commencing with enrolments made while Robert Sutton and John Blount held the office of Bailiff, 18 Richard II., 1394-5. This numbering is correctly made until the ninety-first leaf is reached, which, by mistake, is numbered 90. Another mistake is made through ten being dropped in the reckoning, by which what would otherwise have been 97 becomes 87.

A third mistake is occasioned by the *verso* of fol. 104 being numbered 105, as though it were a distinct leaf. In this way one of the previous errors is neutralized, the numbering being now ten behind what it ought to be.

Once more, a fourth deviation is made by the scribe, which may be an intentional rectification of the former miscount. Ten leaves, beginning with 109, are numbered on the

recto and *verso* as pages, and as soon as this new paginat coincides with the actual number of leaves, it ceases, a henceforth the numbering of the folios is renewed, this ti correctly. The last seven leaves are unnumbered.

The book thus comprises (in addition to the six bla paper fly-leaves) 2 blank leaves, 7 with writing, 1 bla and 171 to the end of the volume, in all 181, and of parchme

That the book is not in its original condition may be s (1) From the worn and tender state of the first numbered fo of the first series of leaves, containing the Bye-laws, while two preceding parchment leaves are clean and strong. the rebinding, this, the outside leaf, was evidently protec by the insertion of the other leaves of stouter material. From the inner margins, on which the contents of some the enrolled documents are written, being in several instan bound in and partly concealed from view, *e.g.*, fol. 38. From the outer edges in some cases being cut down, and p of the writing shorn off, *e.g.*, fols. 76, 104.

The present binding, which is rudely tooled, has on ea cover four corner pieces and one centre piece of brass, and had a pair of clasps, or rather buckles, now removed. It not earlier than the Tudor period. The back has been roug repaired since the rebinding.

This book is called "Domesday," and is so termed the Bye-laws of 2 Henry V., 1414: "Fiat etiam commu registrum ad certificandum de tenementis in burgo nos venditis . . . Et ille qui hoc habeat necesse, et morabitur in Burgum nostrum, dabit . . . clerico pro scriptura in Domesd tres denarios."

"Let there also be made a Common Register to cert concerning tenements sold in our Borough . . . And he w may have this need, and shall sojourn within our Borou shall give . . . to the clerk for writing in Domesday th pence."

It is also referred to under this name in an Enrolme No. 521, where Robert Syred, of London, mercer, stat "And for as moche that it shall be knowen that this is Wille and Dede y haue procured hit to be enrolled in Kynges towne and borugh of Dorchestre yn a boke there t is called Domesday." 22 December, 19 Edward IV., 147

The name also occurs in Nos. 698 (12 Charles II., 166 700 (31 Charles II., 1679), and 701 (13 William III., 17 which are records of elections of High Stewards of the Boro

at those dates, the fact of the election being directed to be "enrolled in the Doomesday booke of the said Borough."

Two original deeds which have been preserved (B. 1*a* and B. 1*b*) are endorsed "Dorchestre Irrotulatur in Domesday ibidem folio lij^mo^." (No. 256).*

The purpose to be served by the institution of this volume is set forth in the memorandum entered on the second folio, which recites that insomuch as the charters, muniments and wills of the Burgesses of old time had been torn, lost or wilfully concealed, it is ordered that such deeds and wills, affecting the Borough, which henceforth shall come into the hands of the Bailiffs, shall be entered in this book. The registration of title, thus initiated, anticipates a reform for which the country, as a whole, still waits.

On turning to the contents of the volume, it appears fully to bear out the purpose for which it was called into existence. It comprises (1) Charters for the conveyance of real property in Dorchester, together with such subsidiary documents as Releases and Quitclaims, and Letters of Attorney for the nomination of persons to put the grantee or purchaser in full and peaceable possession. (2) Wills devising lands and tenements in Dorchester. These are generally given only so far as they relate to such property, though in some cases the entire will seems to have been registered. It is needless to add that this proof before the Bailiffs was in addition to, not in substitution for, the usual probate before the Archdeacon or other ecclesiastical authority. (3) In some cases the deeds enrolled relate to lands, etc., not situated in Dorchester, but were registered here by special request, as a security against loss. If Robert Syred, already mentioned, were a member of the Dorchester family of Syward, the entry of his deed would thus be readily accounted for.

The deeds enrolled are usually either genuine sales, or conveyances to trustees by way of settlement. For example, (No. 175) Matilda, widow of John Champion, conveys a tenement to John Claymond, clerk, and Richard Calabre, 1 July, 10 Henry IV., 1409, and they re-convey it (No. 178) to John Jos and Matilda his wife, at the Feast of Holy Cross (September 14) the same year, the lady apparently having contracted a second alliance in the meantime.

Again (No. 236), Robert Deveneshire grants a tenement

* 1650, June 17. "This day the old Doomesday booke was lent to Francis Hollis for a time—for a fortnight. Returned." C. 12.

to John Jurdan, of Wolueton, John Pury, and William For last day of February, 13 Henry IV., 1411-12, and they re-gr it to him and Alice his wife, the 24th of March followi

Sometimes the process is reversed, as in No. 151, wh John Barbour, *alias* Nicolas, and Beatrix his wife con their tenement to Robert Bertlot, clerk, and Robert Bak 17th August, 8 Henry IV., 1407, and these grantees re-con it to John Barbour, *alias* Nicolas, alone, on the 17th of next month (No. 155).

In cases of this kind, where the wife was required to j in the conveyance with her husband, the salutary rule l down in one of the Bye-laws came into operation: "Als any one in our Borough shall have acquired any tenem in perpetuity, and his wife shall have been named in the char of feoffment, and afterwards it happen that they desire alienate to anyone the aforesaid tenement, let the ven himself at once produce his wife in full court before us and Bailiffs, and there let inquiry be made of the wife if it be her consent or no, and if it be found that she hath done t by her free and good will, no cause of coercion by her husb intervening, then let that process be enrolled in the Comn Register, and the purchaser shall give by way of fine for hav recognisance, and for the seal of office, and for the cle writing, as before ordered."

A good instance of this may be seen in the charter m by John Shyrborn and Alice his wife (No. 445), which cludes these words, "Et ut verius cognosci poterit infutur quod donum et concessio predicta, ut prefertur, per me p dictam Aliciam sponte et mera voluntate mea facta sunt nullo modo per predictum maritum meum minata coart nec minis(?) preoppressa ad aliqua in dicta presenti ca contenta facienda, Ideo ego dicta Alicia ad meum special rogatum Sigillum officii Ballivorum ejusdem ville in fidem testimonium omnium et singulorum in eadem carta predi contenta eidem carte apponi procuravi."

It should be noticed how frequently the services of local clergy were invoked in these conveyances for purpose settlement, showing the confidence the inhabitants of I chester had in those days in their parish priests and chapla

In some instances the grants of property were made way of mortgage, though this seems infrequent. An examp to be seen in No. 108, where the title of two messuages first made secure by a Release of 1 January, 4 Henry

1402-3, and then conveyed by way of mortgage on 20 January following (No. 109).

A much later instance (No. 692) is noticeable for the enormous return exacted for the loan of £100, 8 November, 1646. Stephen Moorecock, dyer, and Anne his wife mortgage their messuage in High East Street to Richard Bury, of Dorchester, merchant, for this sum, covenanting to pay him £16 per annum for six years, commencing 24 December that year, and £204 at Lady Day, 1653, *i.e.*, interest at 16 per cent., and a return at the end of the term of double the capital borrowed. Perhaps the insecurity of the times may account for a transaction so usurious.

A frequent occasion for the sale of tenements arises out of the bequests of testators who devised their burgages to trustees to sell the same, and apply the "pence" thence arising to be devoted to pious uses, for the poor, or for the souls of the deceased, his immediate relations or ancestors, and all Christian souls.

Conveyances direct from the Bailiffs and Burgesses as a body are infrequent. Some occur in cases where, through failure of heirs, a tenement in the town has fallen into the hands of the Burgesses as possessors of the manor. For instance, they grant to John Fourde and his heirs a burgage on "the north side of Durnelane," which lately came into the hands of the Bailiffs by failure of heirs of a certain Thomas Drewe, 18 February, 4 Edward IV., 1464-5 (No. 500).

No. 547 is a grant to Thomas Hoskyns and Alice his wife of a burgage called Rakehay, which came into the King's hands by failure of the heirs of Henry Wooge, Monday after Michaelmas, 21 Edward IV., 1481. (*See also* No. 572.)

Other cases are those dealing with the property of the dissolved fraternity of St. Mary the Virgin, which came to the Burgesses by grant of Edward VI., 1 August, the second year of his reign, 1548.* Thus, in No. 627, an annuity lately belonging to this dissolved Fraternity was granted by the town to Owin Hayman, 1 October, 5 Edward VI., 1551, and a burgage and garden in South Street, which the Fraternity had also held, was sold to him, for £8, 17 June, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, 1555 (No. 629).

The second class of documents enrolled in "Domesday"

* They had, according to Hutchins, II., 390, a messuage and lands, and twenty-two messuages, burgages and gardens, of the Chantry of St. Mary valued at £6 9s. 3d., for £149 11s. 8d.

were the wills of inhabitants and others, devising lands tenements in Dorchester. This practice is thus descri in the Bye-laws of 2 Henry V., but the custom of exhibi the wills before the Court was doubtless of an earlier ori "Also if any one has any tenement in our Borough, and s have willed to bequeath that tenement in his testamen anyone, let him to whom that tenement shall have b bequeathed have therein no seisin before the testament s have been proved in full court before us and our Bailiffs, the seal of office have been affixed to the same testam and he, to whom that tenement shall have thus fallen, s give by way of fine for the probate of that testament and the seal of office, and for the clerk's writing, according to w has been said above."

The wills, as already has been stated, were also pro in due course before the ecclesiastical authority, and thi sometimes expressly stated to have been the case. Th after the will of Alice Chyryell, 1431, (No. 469), is add "Et hoc presens testamentum probatum est tam coram off domini Archidiaconi Dorset' quam coram Ballivis ville p dicte." See also the will of Alice Almer, of Pudelton, 1 (No. 494).

These wills were not usually registered in full in "Don day," but only so far as the property in Dorchester was c cerned. The first will, apparently complete, is that of Regin Jacob in 1423 (No. 383). Another is that of Thomas War Rector of Holy Trinity (No. 492), which is here given in f but an abstract of it in English will also be found in its pro place on a subsequent page.

Will of Thomas Waryn, clerk (No. 492): "In dei nom Amen, die Mercurii proximo ante festum Omnium Sanctor Anno Domini MCCCCXLI° Ego Thomas Waryn Rector eccl Sancte Trinitatis compos mentis et sane memorie mee co testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego anim meam Deo et Beate Marie corpusque meum ad sepeliend in ecclesia predicta coram ymagine Sancte Trinitatis. It Fabrice Ecclesie Beate Marie Sarum iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item Fra nitati Beate Marie in ecclesia Sancti Petri de Dorches predicta iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item lego Fraternitati Corporis Chr in eadem ecclesia iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item lego Fabrice ejusd ecclesie xx^{s}. Item lego ij^{bus} Fraternitatibus in eccl Sancte Trinitatis predicta vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item Ricardo Mog Rectori ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum de Dorchestre predi

iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item domino Roberto Moreys Capellano iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item domino Philippo Capellano meo in ecclesia Sancti Petri xx^{s}. Item domino Johanni Jurdan iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item domino Johanni Vogge iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item Johanne uxori Johannis Pasco meam optimam togam et unum maser. Item Edithe filie ejusdem Johannis Pasco meam optimam zonam et vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item Willielmo Godfray servienti meo vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item do et lego Johanni Pasco et Johanni filio suo quoddam Burgagium meum cum suis pertinenciis in Pyselane situm ex parte australi illius venelle inter tenementum Rectorie mee ex parte orientali et tenementum Fraternitatis Beate Marie in ecclesia Sancti Petri predicta ex parte occidentali. Habendum et tenendum predictum Burgagium cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Johanni Pasco et Johanni filio suo heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum de domino Rege in capite per redditus et servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Item lego eidem Johanni filio Johannis Pasco unam zonam nigri coloris harnisatam cum argento, et vj^{s} viij^{d}. Residuum verum omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego predicto Johanni Pasco ut ipse ea disponat pro anima mea et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Et eundem Johannem ordino et constituo meum executorem.

Some instances occur of wives making wills in favour of their husbands, when they were possessed of tenements in their own right, *e.g.*, when Agnes, wife of William Bastard, bequeaths to her husband her tenement in the south side of West Street, 1409 (No. 183), and when Margaret, wife of John Gryffyn, bequeaths to her husband her burgage in the lane leading from All Saints' Church towards la Durnegate, 12 June, 1417 (No. 300).

In another instance, Joan, wife of Thomas Faryngdon, bequeaths her burgage to William Peverell and Robert Crawford, probably for pious uses, 11 Henry IV., 1409-10 (No. 201).

In Nos. 358 and 359 occurs the registration of two wills made by one and the same testator.

There was exhibited to the Court on 2 March, 9 Henry V., 1421-2, the will of Walter Codmour, by which he bequeathed a tenement in East Street to Edith his wife and Thomas Budde, who were then put in possession of a moiety thereof, each.

But on 4 May, 10 Henry V., 1422, Adam Tyrell, son-in-law of the deceased, produced the record of a nuncupative will of the deceased, dated 4 May, 1421, and of later date than

the written will, by which a moiety of the tenement was gi to Edith, the testator's wife, and the other moiety to Ad Tyrell and Edith his wife, daughter of the testator. T record, which was confirmed by the seal of the official of Archdeacon of Dorset, in full chapter held at Westauord (W Stafford), 18 February, the same year, was duly enroll It is not said distinctly that livery of seisin was again giv

This record (No. 359) is here quoted in full as being so what unusual, though nuncupative wills are common: " Curiam tentam ibidem die Lune iiij° die Maij A° regni Henrici quinti post conquestum decimo venit Adam Ty et monstravit quoddam recordum de ultima voluntate Wal Codmour in hec verba. Memorandum quod die Ven quarto die mensis Maij Anno Domini M'CCCCXXI° et a regni regis Henrici quinti nono Walterus Codmour alias dic Walysch de Dorchestre declaravit ultimam voluntatem su inter alias legaciones per ipsum prius factas compos me in presencia Roberti Bertram unius Ballivorum ville predi Ricardi Brans Johannis Vogke et Willielmi Hykkes Burg sium ejusdem ville in forma subscripta de burgagio suo Dorchestre et predictos Burgenses inde rogavit perhib testimonium infuturum. In Dei nomine Amen, Ego Walte Codmour do et lego medietatem totius burgagii mei in D chestre in quo inhabito situati in vico orientali ejusdem v ex parte boriali ejusdem vici Edithe uxori mee heredil et assignatis suis imperpetuum et alteram medietatem ejusd burgagii cum pertinenciis do et lego Ade Tyrell et Edi uxori sue filie mee heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetu Tenendum de domino rege in capite per redditus et servi inde debita et consueta. In cujus rei testimonium de p missis legacionibus factis nos predicti Robertus, Ricard Johannes et Willielmus intuitu caritatis ad rogacionem d torum Ade et Edithe uxoris sue sigilla nostra presentil apposuimus. Et quia sigilla nostra pluribus sunt incogn Sigillum Officialis Archidiaconi Dorset' in pleno capit tento apud Westauorde xviij° die mensis Februarij A Domini supradicto hiis apponi procuravimus. Virtute hu facti."

At the end of the will of John Pascowe, of Dorches proved 15 Edward IV., 1475 (No. 567), is written an en in an irregular hand, very different from that of the clerk scrivener, and is probably a memorandum in the hand-writ

of his son, Sir John Pascowe, Rector of Warmwell: "Super predictum testamentum ego Johannes Pascw clericus et Rector ecclesie parochialis de Warmwell scripci quandam cartam de burgagiis meis situatis in villa Dorcestrie quam cartam ego predictus Johannes Pascw in curia publica coram ballivis et pluribus aliis honestis viris revoco et pro nichilo reputo tempore Roberti Adyn et Roberti Pycher ballivorum tunc temporis."

Bequests, other than those of lands or houses, when they happen to be registered, are of the usual character found in mediæval wills, small sums being given to the mother church of Sarum, to the incumbent of the parish, for tithes forgotten, and to the Fraternities in the town.

Joan Almer bequeaths in 1448 a silver spoon to the Church of Pudelton, and another to the Fraternity of the Holy Cross in the same Church (No. 494).

In some cases the dedications of churches (other than those of the Dorchester churches) are named. These are:

St. John Baptist, Cerne (457).
St. John Baptist, Evershot (471).
All Saints, Wyke Regis (482).
St. George, Fordington (486).
St. Mary, Pudelton (494).
All Saints, Wynterborne Waste [Monkton] (556).

The following is a list of the wills wholly or in part enrolled:

Agnes Hamondes (5), 19 Richard II.
William Fraunceys (7), 19 Richard II.
John Cravell (9), 19 Richard II.
John Fytheler (16), 19 Richard II.
John Sherere (17), 20 Richard II.
Henry Calche (26), 20 Richard II.
John Spilewyne (34), 21 Richard II.
John Syward, senr. (41), 22 Richard II.
William Harlow (43), 22 Richard II.
William Wyther (51), 23 Richard II.
Henry Duddill (52), 1 Henry IV.
Alice King of Tolpudele (56), 1 Henry IV.
Alice, wife of John Duddill (66), 2 Henry IV.
John Wedon (68), 2 Henry IV.
Isabel, wife of Nicholas Helier (73), 2 Henry IV.
Stephen Gylle, clerk, LL.D. (79), 2 Henry IV.
Alice Langman (80), 3 Henry IV.

John Fyuyan (86), 3 Henry IV.
Simon Berde (88), 3 Henry IV.
William Lytefote (104), 4 Henry IV.
John Childecomb of Tolpudele (115), 6 Henry IV.
Nicholas Helyer (117), 6 Henry IV.
John Carpuntere (130), 7 Henry IV.
Peter Blount (132), 7 Henry IV.
Henry Childe (138), 8 Henry IV.
Walter Helyer, Tanner (139), 8 Henry IV.
Ralph Mersour (144), 8 Henry IV.
John Merchaunt (150), 8 Henry IV.
Walter Cartere (156), 9 Henry IV.
John Skynner (165), 10 Henry IV.
Thomas Gardyner (168), 10 Henry IV.
John Champion (171), 10 Henry IV.
John Coude (177), 10 Henry IV.
Agnes, late wife of Wm. Bastard (183), 11 Henry IV
Henry Brouk (200), 11 Henry IV.
Joan, wife of Thos. Faryngdon (201), 11 Henry IV.
Henry Wytyng of Fordyngton (204), 12 Henry IV.
William Walysch (205), 12 Henry IV.
Nicholas Webbe (206), 12 Henry IV.
Matilda Westpray (241), 1 Henry V.
Richard Hayne (244), 1 Henry V.
William Adam (248), 2 Henry V.
John Blount (251), 2 Henry V.
Cristine, wife o John Frenssh (252), 3 Henry V.
William Ayssh (262), 13 Henry IV. (*sic*).
Matilda Merchant 263), 3 Henry V.
Elianor, wife of Robt. Greynlef, *alias* Bakere (2(
4 Henry V.
John Raw, *alias* Gyle (282), 4 Henry V.
Emote Pulare (285), 5 Henry V.
Henry Crauel (289), 5 Henry V.
Margaret, wife of John Gryffyn (300), 5 Henry V.
Gunneta, relict of Thos. Bayly (310), 6 Henry V.
Henry Prest (311), 6 Henry V.
Walter Gaylord, *alias* Blocche (312), 6 Henry V.
John North (315), 6 Henry V.
William Forde (316), 6 Henry V.
John Chirchille of Waddone (327), 7 Henry V.
Thomas Payl (334), 8 Henry V.
William Ropere (335), 8 Henry V.

Henry Prest, *alias* Webbe (336), 8 Henry V.
William Spicer (341), 8 Henry V.
Richard Bertram (343), 9 Henry V.
John Joose (347), 9 Henry V.
Stephen Helier (348), 9 Henry V.
John Goldsmyth (349), 9 Henry V.
Richard Turke (352), 10 Henry V.
Walter Codmour (358), 9 Henry V. (*sic*).
Robert Greynelif, *alias* Baker (364), 9 Henry V. (*sic*).
John Knygt (365), 1 Henry VI.
John Knygt (368), 1 Henry VI. (repeated).
Reginald Jacob (383), 2 Henry VI.
John Bysshopp of Fordyngton (386), 3 Henry VI.
Scolastica, relict of Robt. Burlok (387), 3 Henry VI.
Alice, wife of Thos. Oliver, late wife of John Skynnere (388), 3 Henry VI.
Alice Jurdane (391), 3 Henry VI.
Williama, wife of Richard London (398), 4 Henry VI.
Thomas Tanner of Cerne (457), 10 Henry VI.
Agnes, relict of William Nagard (459), 11 Henry VI.
Alice, wife of Walter Chyryell (469), 13 Henry VI.
John Shydde (471), 13 Henry VI.
Thomas Budde (473), 14 Henry VI.
John Purye (476), 14 Henry VI.
John Welford (479), 16 Henry VI.
John Wydford (482), 17 Henry VI.
Walter Baron of Fordyngton (486), 19 Henry VI.
Philip Helyer (487), 19 Henry VI.
Richard Bryce (489), 23 Henry VI.
Thomas Waryn, Rector of Holy Trinity, (492) 26 Henry VI.
Joan Almer of Pudelton (494), 27 Henry VI.
John Geryll (496), 32 Henry VI.
Agnes, wife of Wm. Smyth (516), 19 Edward IV.
John Martyn (551), 16 Henry VII.
William Stanley (556), 17 Henry VII.
Roger Arture (557), 17 Henry VII (?).
John Pascowe (567), 15 Edward IV. (*sic*).
Margaret Auden (579), 30 Henry VIII.
William Stone, senr. (591), 37 Henry VIII.
John Aden, draper (641), 1 Edward VI.

Besides the documents of the classes already mentioned, several of a miscellaneous character occur, especially towards the end of the volume. Such are the bargain of sale of three

score pipes of ode by Robert Syred, of London, mercer, Aberey Cornebrugh, Esq., and Richard Raneson, mercer a Alderman of London, for £200, 22 December, 19 Edward I 1479 (No. 521); the arbitration relative to an annual re charge of five shillings payable to the Fraternity of St. M in St. Peter's Church, 20 November, 32 Henry VI., 1 (No. 576); several compositions for toll on sale of corn, to the town (Nos. 680, 681, 692-7); three releases of all actic etc., from the beginning of the world (Nos. 428, 689, 69 and appointments of High Stewards of the Borough (N 698, 700, 701).

It may be mentioned that all the documents in t volume, to No. 678, inclusive, are in Latin, and the rest English, the only exception being Syred's sale (No. 521), t Bonds (Nos. 596, 626), an Indenture (No. 639), and a Mer randum relative to a lease at Frierne Waddon (No. 649)

It should also be observed that the order in which deeds, etc., occur in the volume is not that of their executi but of their enrolment. In some cases a considerable inter elapsed between the former and the latter date, as in the c of the Arbitration (No. 576), which was settled 20 Novemb 32 Henry VI., 1453, but enrolled 27 Henry VIII., 153 and the will of William Ayssh (No. 262) was registered a a charter granted by his widow (No. 222).

The system of registration continues with fair regular until and throughout the reign of Elizabeth, after which d the "Domesday" seems to have dropped out of popu favour, and was little used, only thirty-two enrolme occurring later than her reign, the last being 13 William I 1701.

The names of witnesses to the Charters will furnish reader with a catalogue of Dorchester townsmen during fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. From the fact that witnesses usually comprise the two Bailiffs, it seems proba that the deeds were attested at a meeting of the to authorities.

Trades.

The trades practised in Dorchester during the per covered by the "Domesday" to the end of the reign of Eli beth, so far as is disclosed by the enrolments, are as follov

Tanner (23)	Skynner (61)
Peyntour (33)	Sadeler (65)

Osteler (90)
Taylour (94)
Boucher (100)
Baker (176)
Weaver (201)
Mason (346)
Helier (370)
Kyverlytwebbe (380)
Draper (380)
Smyth (381)
Fisherman (398)
Carpenter (407)
Mersour (416)
Deygher (419)
Merchant (522)
Barbor (603)
Clothyer (612)
Hatmaker (613)
Milner (621)
Innholder (633)
Showmaker (650)
Wollendraper (674)
Vyntner (661)
Beerbrewer (664)

The foregoing list gives the first occurrence of the name of the trade, and the numbers refer to the charter which mentions it.

A Glover occurs in No. 350, but belonging to Cerne, and a "Fysshe Jewter" (or retailer of fish) in No. 663, who is styled of Honington, Devon, A.D. 1557. A tobacco-cutter of Sherborne appears in A.D. 1659 (No. 699).

Clergy.

Stephen Gille, Dr. (2, 79)
John Lamere, Vicar of Winterborne Martyn (10)
Richard Jon (22)
Ralph Shephurde, Rector of Nyther Compton (36)
Benedict Lyger, Vicar of Woborne (36)
Robert Belle (41)
Henry Roys (47)
William Bysshop, Sir (51, 174)
John Pampelon (60)
Richard Cranborn (61)
John Best, Parson of Bradford Abbas (66, 106)
Richard Dore (66)
John Winterborne, Monk of Cerne (66)
John Dorchester, Monk of Sherborne (66)
Richard Norewey (71)
William Canyngton (75)
John Wotton (75)
Robert Esbache, LL.B. (77)
John Dybon, of Christchurch Twynham (81)
John Merchant,* Rector of All Saints' (86, 277, 445)
John Weode, Monk of Cerne (77)
John Tomelyn (113)
Richard Bertlot (143)
John Muster (Mustard), son and heir of Thomas Muster, of Dorchester (157, 312)
John Claymond (175)
Edward Mason (176)

* Hutchins makes John Hazard, instituted 5th September, 1424, succeed John Nagard, instituted 29th July, 1391. But in No. 277 John Merchant is termed Rector of All Saints', Dorchester, 28th December, 1416, and in No. 445, late Rector of the same, 4th September, 1430. His name should, therefore, be inserted between Hazard and Nagard.

Thomas Pynet (251)
John Nagard, Rector of All Saints' (263)
William Nagard (263)
William Raynold (272)
William Merchant, brother of John Merchant, Rector of All Saints (277)
John Byncombe (279)
John Tomkyn (280)
William Rouk (290)
John Gay (290)
Robert Chaundos (290)
Robert Curteys (298)
Walter Tracy (338)
Walter Bagge (338)
Philip Sprak (347)
John Morton (364)
Thomas Wareyn, Rector of Holy Trinity (374)
John Welles, Vicar of Fordington (392)
John Whithyd (419)
John Shipper (421)
William Raynald, *alias* Spenser (424)
John Jurdan, Sir (432, 492)
William Hayne, Rector of Bradeford (444)
William Downton (458)
John Jacob, son and heir of Reginald Jacob (468)
William Bury (488)
Richard Mogge, Rector All Saints', called Hog Hutchins (492)
Robert Moreys (492)
John Vogge, Sir (492)
Philip, Sir, Chaplain of Peter's (492)
Walter Bysshopp (494)
Henry Bryt (486)
Robert Bere, Warden of Fraternity B.V.M. (508)
John Pasco, Sir, Rector Warmwell (511)
Roger Rope, Sir, Abbot Cerne (528)
Robert Brytnoll (Brinckno Sir (557, 566)
Thomas, Sir, Curate of H Trinity (557)
Richard Hyll, Mr., Rector Holy Trinity (557)
Peter Myller, Sir, Perpet Vicar of Abbotsbury (55
Thomas Cliffe, Sir (557)
John Apparr', Sir, Rector Holy Trinity and All Sai (551)
John Knylle, Sir (551)
Robert Ascogh (576)
William Hurne (583)

Bye-laws of the Borough—2 Henry V., 1414. (*Fol.* i.)

At a Court held on Monday before Michaelmas, 14 before Thomas Wyke and William Forde, Bailiffs, and Jo Blount and John Gouldesmyth, Constables of Dorchest it was found by a Jury of twenty-four, as set forth in t following brief abstract :—

1. No one shall expose carcases of animals within t town, but immediately after their death by disease they sh be sent beyond the gates.

2. No Skinner shall beat skins or hides (?) in the street where human food may be sold.

3. No one shall cast manure in the street beyond a week without removal.

4. None shall be chosen Bailiff out of turn.

5. Bailiffs shall render accounts before persons chosen for that purpose.

6. The Common Money shall be wholly delivered to the Bailiffs and placed in the Common Chest.

7. The Bailiffs shall render account yearly.

8. Courtesy to any Justice or King's Minister, for business touching the Community, shall be given by the discretion of twelve discreet and lawful men.

9. There shall be a Common Register of tenements sold in the Borough, and a seal for the Bailiffs bearing in the midst a leopard crowned, and the legend *Sigillum Ballivorum Dorcestrie*, and for the use of this seal dwellers within the Borough shall pay 6d., and others as shall be agreed. The clerk shall have 3d. for writing in Domesday.

10. If a tenement be acquired by a man and his wife, she being named in the feoffment, and they desire to sell it, the wife's assent shall be ascertained in full Court.

11. None shall have seisin of a tenement devised by will, until the will be proved and sealed in full Court.

12. Pledges taken by the Bailiffs for debt, and not redeemed within the year, shall be cried, and appraised by twelve men, and no pledges shall be absconded under penalty of 20 shillings.

13. Any execution, ordered in Court by the Bailiffs, shall at once be carried into effect by the Serjeants.

14. Bailiffs may distrain within and without the houses, except in the bedchamber of the husband and wife.

15. If this consideration be opposed by any, when he shall come into a similar mishap, the Bailiffs shall seal the door of the chamber, until a sufficient distress be delivered them, if there be any.

16. Every collection for the King's use shall be made by good and lawful men, nor levied until the names of the payers and the amount due from each be entered on a roll indented, and sealed in the middle with the seals of the collectors, and placed in the Common Chest. This shall be read at the Michaelmas Court before the collectors and the whole community, and, this notwithstanding, the collectors

shall render account, and any residue shall remain to the of the whole community. The collectors shall not be c of their contributions to the collection, but be paid for tl labour as the community think fit. Collectors disobey this order shall pay 100 shillings.

17. The same rule shall apply to collections by C stables for arming and charges of hobilers and bowmen a of men to guard the sea.

18. No bakers of white wheat bread shall make ba bread or bread of masline for sale.

19. The Bailiffs shall be paid 20 shillings per ann., a their fees for sale of tenements and for their seal of off and toll of grain coming to market.

20. The Town Clerk shall be paid 6 sh. 8d. a year, a his fees.

21. The Serjeants shall receive according to custom

22. All profits from the bailiwick, beyond the Kir rent and things aforesaid, shall remain to the use of the wh community.

23. The sum of any residue shall be enrolled be the auditors with the names of the Bailiffs and date of year, sealed, and placed in the chest, which account sl remain unerased, and the expenditure be entered by its

24. The Common Chest shall have three different loc the keys to be kept by three men chosen for the purp who shall be changed every year.

25. The Common Money shall not be lent or delive to any for trading, except for the profit of the whole co munity.

26. No gutters shall be retained in any street as nuisance.

27. No one shall have a female wolf-dog (?) wande through the town under penalty of 40 pence.

28. No pig-keepers shall allow their pigs to go wit three . . . and the lane on the south side of Robert Bak tenement, under pain of losing the same pig.

29. No son or next heir of a Free Burgess, though shall come to his inheritance by his father's or kinsm death, shall enter upon it [unless] by usual proclamat doubling his rent, &c. Nevertheless he shall not be a I Burgess, unless he has made a fine by pledge. (*See* Cha No. 39, following.)

30. No Burgess or resident shall keep bullock or he

in the enclosure of the East and West Wallys, as in common, from Feb. 2nd to Sept. 8th, but during that time it shall be placed in fence. After Sept 8th it shall be common to all Burgesses and residents to Nov. 11th, for great beasts, and thenceforward to Feb. 2nd for sheep, &c., and for no great beast.

31. Two able and discreet men shall be chosen Bailiffs by twenty-four lawful men of the town on Monday after Michaelmas, to be then sworn, if present; if absent, on that day three weeks. On refusal, the defaulter shall lose £10 to the use of the town.

32. The Hockday Court shall be held on Monday, the 8th day after Easter.

These are the chief provisions enacted in these Bye-laws, but a full English version of them may be found in Hutchins' *History of Dorset*, 3rd edition, Vol. ii., pp. 362-4.

DORCHESTRE.

Curia legalis ibidem tenta die Lune proximo post festum Sancti Michaelis anno regni Regis Henrici quinti post conquestum secundo, coram Thoma Wyke et Willielmo Forde eiusdem Burgi ballivis, Johanne Blount et Johanne Gouldesmyth Constabulariis Burgi predicti, Quo die capta est inquisicio per viginti quatuor probos homines et legales predicti Burgi juratos, videlicet Reginaldum Jacop, Robertum Bakere, Johannem Gyle, Johannem Pury, seniorem, Johannem Bomel, Johannem Gryffyn, Galfridum Mose, Henricum Crauel, Ricardum Bertram, Thomam Bakere, Thomam Bayly, Walterum Bouer, Henricum Ostyler, Robertum Bertram, Walterum Chyryell, Johannem Voge, Walterum Gaylourd, Robertum Mose, Thomam Budd, Johannem Pury, juniorem, Johannem Plomere, Robertum Burlok, Nicholaum Pury, Johannem Belhous; qui dicunt et ordinant per eorum assensum et consensum, una cum assensu et consensu tocius communitatis dicti Burgi, quod nullus de cetero ponat aliqua cadavera infra villam, set statim post morinam eorundem extra portas ville mittentur.

Item dicunt quod nulli pelliparii verberent pelles nec penula in vico ubi victualia hominum vendi debent et solent.

Item dicunt quod nulli fimum jaceant in vico forum [? fori] ultra unam septimanam nisi quod amoveantur.

Item dicunt quod nulli de cetero fiant ballivi nostri

qui prius extiterunt, antequam cursus eorum evenerit, vide postquam alii, qui ad hoc inventi fuerint sufficientes, dic officium videantur ocupare in circuitu totius ville.

Item dicunt quod omnes ballivi nostri qui prius extite: et compota sua non reddiderunt quod compota reddant cionabiliter coram certis hominibus ad hoc electis et assign

Et quod nulli de cetero fiant communicarii, set comm Argentum totaliter ballivis liberetur et in cistam commu ponatur.

Consideratum est eciam quod omnes ballivi nostri cetero venientes quod reddant compotum semel per ann secundum racionabilem premonicionem octo dierum, et fine cuiuslibet Anni ab eorum officio deponantur.

Similiter consideratum est quod si aliqua curilitas debeat alicui Justiciario vel aliis ministris domini Regis negociis communitatem nostram tangentibus, quod d per discretionem et visum duodecim discretorum et legal hominum qui illam curilitatem melius sciverint ordin et cum tempus computandi evenerit coram tota communi possint inde testimonium perhibere.

Fiat eciam commune Registrum ad certificandum tenementis in Burgo nostro venditis, et habeant ballivi cert sigillum officii ad hoc assignatum, et erit sigillum isto m factum, videlicet in medio sigilli erit leopardus corona et erit scriptum in circuitu *sigillum ballivorum Dorces* Et ille qui ad hoc habeat necesse et morabitur infra Burg nostrum dabit ballivis pro sigillo sex denarios, et ille extra Burgum dabit pro sigillo secundum concordatione dabit eciam clerico pro scriptura in Domesday tres denar

Item si quis in Burgo nostro aliquod tenementum quisierit imperpetuum, et uxor eius in carta feoffam fuerit nominata, et postea contingat quod illi predic tenementum alicui alienare voluerint, statim producat venditor uxorem suam in plenam Curiam coram nobis ballivis nostris, et ibidem inquiratur de uxore si sit per sensum suum vel non, et si compertum fuerit quod sponta et bona voluntate sua hoc fecerit, nulla causa coherci mariti sui mediante, tunc processus ille in communi Regi irrotuletur, et dabit ille perquisitor de fine pro recognici habenda et pro sigillo officii et pro scriptura clerici secund quod prius ordinatur.

Item si quis habeat aliquod tenementum in Burgo no et illud tenementum in testamento suo alicui legare volu

ille cui illud tenementum sic fuerit legatum nullam habeat inde seisinam priusquam testamentum in plena Curia coram nobis et ballivis nostris fuerit probatum, et sigillum officii eidem testamento fuerit appositum, et ille cui illud tenementum sic acciderit dabit de fine pro illius testamenti probatione et pro sigillo officii et pro scriptura clerici secundum quod dictum est superius.

Consideratum est eciam quod si ballivi nostri capiant aliqua vadia nomine districcionis pro aliquo debito, et illa vadia infra Annum acquietata non fuerint, fiat de illis proclamacio in fine Anni debito modo, et si eadem acquietata non fuerint tunc apprecientur per visum et discrecionem duodecim proborum et legalium hominum ad veredictum electorum in fine Anni in Curia legali tunc tempore tenta; et nulla vadia sint abscondita sub pena viginti solidorum ad totam communitatem solvenda, sed omnia et singula coram predictis hominibus aperte revelanda et vendantur ad proficuum tocius communitatis.

Item consideratum est quod si aliqua execucio in Curia nostra per ballivos versus aliquem fieri precipiatur, quod serjanti nostri statim et sine aliqua dilacione faciant inde quod ad sua decet officia; et si compertum fuerit quod per eorum negligenciam hoc facere noluerint, statim ab eorum officiis deponentur, et [several words worn away] versus Curiam pro contemptu.

Et habeant ballivi potestatem ad districcionem capiendam tam in domibus quam extra domos ubicunque melius distringere possint, excepta camera pro lecto conjugis et uxoris sue.

Et si aliquis contra illam consideracionem proterviens inventus fuerit cum ad casum consimilem evenerit tunc hostium camere sub sigillo ballivorum sigilletur, ita quod nullum habeat ibidem ingressum nec egressum sub pena que jacet, donec se justificare voluerit et sufficientem districcionem ballivis liberare, si talem habeat.

Similiter consideratum est quod si aliqua collecta fieri debeat ad opus domini Regis, ponatur illa collecta per probos homines et legales ad hoc juratos, et tunc fiat illa tam de divitibus quam pauperibus, ita quod nullus pro amore parcatur nec pro colore alicujus officii, nec aliquis pro odio gravetur, set ponatur unusquisque secundum suam facultatem et exigensiam juris, et nichil ab aliquo nisi nomen illius prius fuerit irrotulatum et quantum dabit, et tunc post certam extentam factam quantum unusquisque persolvere debeat,

fiat de hoc rotulus indentatus et media pars huius Rotuli sigilletur sub sigillo collectorum illius argenti, et ponatur in communem cistam priusquam aliquid levetur, et ibidem salvo custodiatur usque festum Sancti Michaelis ex tunc proxime sequens, et tunc legatur Rotulus hujus collecte in plena Curia legali tenta eodem tempore coram predictis collectoribus et in auditu tocius communitatis ad audiendum quantum unusquisque persolverit, et ad superveniendum quod jus factum fuerit unicuique, et hoc non obstante predicti collectores compotum reddent una cum omnibus aliis communia bona administrantibus, et si quid residuum fuerit post compotum eorum ad hopus tocius communitatis remaneat, et illi qui assignati fuerint ad huiusmodi collectam levandam non sint propterea de porcionibus suis illius collecte quieti, set percipient pro eorum labore secundum rectam consideracionem tocius communitatis ; et si predicti collectores convicti fuerint ad magis levandum de aliquo quam primo fuit sibi appositum, vel quod non faciant prout ordinatum est, dabunt ad totam communitatem centum solidos argenti.

Similiter consideratur quod cum aliqua collecta levari debeat per constabularios pacis domini Regis pro armatura et expensis hobulariorum vel sagittariorum, sive pro expensis hominum ad mare custodiendum, vel ad aliquod quod ad sua decet officia, eodem modo faciant in omnibus sicut dictum est superius sub pena superius denotata.

Item dicunt quod nulli pistores qui faciunt panem album de frumento faciant panem ordericum nec mixtillionis ad vendendum.

Et consideratum est quod uterque ballivus percipiet pro stipendio suo per Annum viginti solidos argenti, et feoda sua tam de tenementis venditis cum acciderint quam de sigillo officii sui et tolneto de bladiis venientibus ad mercatum.

Habebit eciam clericus ville pro stipendio suo per Annum sex solidos Argenti et octo denarios et feoda sua de aliis rebus prout usitatur.

Et serjanti nostri percipient pro eorum stipendio secundum modum et consuetudinem eorum prout usitatur.

Et omnia alia proficua de balliva proveniencia ultra Redditum domini Regis et ea que predicta sunt, remaneant ad opus tocius communitatis nisi racionabili causa ad commune proficuum aliquid expendetur.*

* To this point the ink has been of a greenish hue. It now changes to brown, and the hand is slightly different.

Et si quid residuum fuerit in fine Anni post compotum ballivorum acceptum, fiet de hoc certa summa scripta et irrotulata coram auditoribus dicti compoti, et similiter nomina ballivorum qui pro tempore fuerint, et eciam illius Anni Datum, et ponatur illa summa in communem cistam sigillata sub sigillis eorundem auditorum compoti; et tunc, licet tempus evenerit quod de eisdem bonis sic remanentibus fieri debeant aliqui expensus circa negociis communibus, illa causa non obstante remaneat summa semper integra et sine rasura, quamvis argentum per aliquos expensus diminuatur, et scribantur expensus per se; ita quod per predictam summam recepcionis videri posset utrum expensus se extendent magis vel minus ultra summam recepcionis.

Et habeat Communis cista tres seruras diversas, et tradantur claves earundem tribus hominibus ad hoc electis ad communia bona custodienda, et custodes predictarum clavium quolibet anno mutentur.

Et non liceat alicui commune Argentum alicui accommodare, nec alicui ad mercandum tradere, nec aliquo administrare nisi ad proficuum tocius Communitatis, ad hopus quorum salvo custodiatur pro diversis casibus contingentibus.

Item consideratum est quod nulli gutterii de cetero teneantur in aliquo vico infra Burgum nostrum ad nocumentum ubi gentes pertransire consueverint, set ubicunque fuerint inventi obstupantur.

Item ordinatum est quod nullus de cetero habebit liciscam apertam vagantem per villam sub pena xl denariorum solvenda communitati.

Et quod nulli porcarii tempore mercati permittant porcos suos ire infra tres s^u^tes et venellam ex parte Australi tenementi ubi Robertus Baker modo inhabitat, sub pena amissionis eiusdem porci.*

Et quod nullus filius seu heres propinquior alicuius liberi burgensis infra villam predictam, licet deveniat ad hereditatem suam per discessum patris sui seu alicuius alius consanguinei, bene erit acceptabilis ad hereditatem suam [nisi ?] per proclamacionem inde factam debito modo secundum consuetudinem ville predicte duplicando redditum suum, &c., sed tamen non erit liber burgensis in eadem villa nisi finem fecerit per plegium secundum consuetudinem ville predicte prout per xij juratos concordari poterit in Curia legali, &c.

* The ink here changes to a much blacker variety, and the hand is a new one.

Et quod nullus burgensis ville nec aliquis alius residens in villa tenebit de cetero nec affrum seu averium in separali de les Est Wallys et West Wallys ut in communi, videlicet a festo Purificationis beate Marie Virginis annuatim usque in festum Nativitatis beate Marie Virginis ex tunc sequens, sed tantummodo mediante illo tempore ponatur in defenso. Et post illum diem quod sit communis omnibus burgensibus et residentibus in eadem villa, videlicet ab illo die usque ad festum Sancti Martini ex tunc proxime sequens ut pro grossis animalibus. Et post illum diem usque festum Purificationis beate Marie ex tunc proxime sequens quod sit pastura communis omnibus burgensibus et in villa residentibus, videlicet pro bidentibus, &c., et pro nullo grosso animali, &c.

Et ulterius predicti xij Juratores ordinant quod secundum antiquam consuetudinem annuatim die lune proximo post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli per viginti quatuor legales homines ville predicte eligantur duo viri habiles et majus discressiores ad officium Ballivorum utrum sint presentes vel absentes. Et si sint ibidem presentes quod tunc ibidem immediate capiant juramentum officii predicti. Et si sint absentes vel alter eorum sit absens, quod tunc habeant diem comparendi ibidem die Lune videlicet ab illo die lune in tres septimanas. Et illo die ad capiendum juramentum officii predicti. Et si quis hoc inposterum recusaverit et huic ordinationi astare noluerit quod ille perdet x *li* sterlingorum inmediate ad opus ville predicte solvendas. Et ulterius quod de cetero nichil ei allocabitur de libertate burgi predicti absque redempcione, &c.*

Et ulterius predicti Burgenses ordinant et ex eorum assensu et consensu volunt quod Curia Legalis termini Hocheday posthac imperpetuum tenebitur die lune, videlicet, in Octavo die post festum Pasche, ulla consuetudine ab antiquo usitata in contrarium non obstante.

Order for Enrolment in the "Domesday Book." (*Fol.* ii.)

The loss, mutilation or concealment of deeds and wills, whereby the Burgesses in time past have granted or given their lands and tenements, having caused expense to some and disinheritance to many, it is ordered that in future copies and

* What follows is written in a different type of handwriting, and in light brown ink.

It may be surmised that the original body of Bye-laws was added to at three periods, later than 2 Henry V.

the tenor of such documents, touching the Borough, as shall come into the hands of the Bailiffs, shall be entered in this book.

For a full translation see Hutchins' *History of Dorset*, 3rd edition, Vol. ii., p. 362.

DORCHESTRE.

Quia quam plures burgenses antecessores et predecessores huius Burgi de Dorchestre temporibus retroactis terras tenementa et burgagia sua redditus et reversiones per facta sua dederint concesserint alienaverint relaxaverint et quieta clamaverint et quidam per eorum ultime voluntatis testamenta dederint et legaverint quorum quidem facta carte munimenta et testamenta quam plurima diversimodo lacerata perdita et voluntarie sunt abscondita Ita quod intenciones condiciones donatorum ac voluntates testatorum minime valeant adimpleri in quorundam dispendium et exheredacionem multorum Ideo communitas universa huiusmodi dispendium et exheredacionem precavere desiderantes ordinant quod copie et tenor quorumcunque factorum testamentorum et relaxacionum tangentium burgum predictum que ad manus ballivorum predicti burgi inposterum pervenerint et per que seisine facte fuerint hoc libello titulantur.

The custom as to Actions brought in the Court of the Town, presented at a View of Frank Pledge, 2nd October, 26 Henry VI., 1447. (*Fol.* iii.)

At an Inquisition taken before John Pasco and John Golsmyth, Bailiffs, it was found by a Jury of twelve that if any Free Burgess shall implead any Burgess, tenant or resident of Dorchester in any plea in any court whatsoever other than the Court of the Town, which plea, action or demand could well and lawfully be determined in the latter, the person so doing shall pay the Bailiffs 100 shillings, and lose his freedom, and the Bailiffs may distrain him for the said sum.

If any other tenant or resident shall similarly offend, he shall pay the Bailiffs and community 20 shillings.

If any of the twelve Jurors shall reveal any matter of council held amongst them, he shall pay 40 shillings.

If any Burgess, tenant or resident shall not lawfully obey

the Bailiffs, he shall lose his freedom, and be chastised in prison; and the Bailiffs may distrain, and at the end of their year, may cause the distress, if not delivered, to be valued and sold.

DORCHESTRE.

Ad Curiam visus franci plegii ibidem secundo die mensis Octobris Anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo sexto ad quam Curiam tunc et ibidem Inquisicio capta fuerat sive erat coram Johanne Pasco et Johanne Golsmyth ballivis ville predicte per Sacramentum xij Juratorum in eadem Curia juratorum videlicet Thome Wylton, Johannis Saundrys, Willielmi Portlond, Roberti Bertram, Johannis Kychen, Roberti Childecombe, Radulphi Bedford, Johannis Hakelet, Ricardi Cosyn, Ricardi Carter, Nicholai Pury et Johannis Causton ac aliorum fidedignorum eiusdem ville, videlicet Roberti Stoury, Johannis Martyn, Willielmi Baron, Johannis Drake, Willielmi Tanner, Johannis a Brygge, Willielmi Hambold, Nicholai Halybred, Thome Godfray, Ricardi Almer, Johannis Cowde, Johannis Whynner, Thome Whytyng et Johannis Baron ac tocius Ville burgensium et Communitatis ejusdem ville de et super custumis libertate et antiqua consuetudine ejusdem ville, &c. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod a tempore quo non existat memoria usitatur et pro consuetudine in dicta villa probatur quod si aliquis liber burgensis dicte ville implacitaverit aliquem burgensem seu tenentem sive residentem in eadem villa commorantem in aliquali placito in quacumque Curia extra Curiam ville predicte quod placitum accio seu demanda bene et legitime in Curia domini Regis ville sue predicte determinari adiudicari recuperari et reformari poterit, quod ipse qui contra consuetudinem et libertatem predictam in aliquo egerit siue aliquem ut supra implacitaverit seu implacitari fecerit perderet et solveret ballivis eiusdem ville pro tempore existentibus Centum solidos legalis monete Anglie. Et amitteret libertatem suam quam prius habuit in eadem villa. Et quod ballivi pro tempore existentes ex consuetudine bene possint distringere ipsum qui contra consuetudinem ut patet supra egerit seu fecerit pro predicta summa centum solidorum forisfactorum et districciones sic captas penes se retinere quousque de predictis centum solidis sic plenarie fuerint satisfacti. Et

quod si aliquis alius tenens sive residens in dicta villa aliquem burgensem tenentem sive residentem eiusdem ville implacitaverit aut vexaverit in aliquali Curia ut prefertur extra Curiam dicti domini Regis ville sue predicte in aliquo placito querela sive demanda quod ibidem in Curia dicte ville determinari adiudicari recuperari et reformari poterit quod ex tunc ipse qui contra formam et privilegium seu custumam dicte ville egerit seu agi fecerit solvet ballivis et communitati eiusdem ville xxs. legalis monete Anglie.

Item ulterius presentatum et affirmatum est ex consuetudine ut supra quod si aliquis de xij juratoribus ad Curiam dicti domini Regis ville sue predicte revelaverit narraverit seu alicui noticiam fecerit de quacumque materia concilii inter eos habiti seu habituri nisi tantummodo Curie quod ex tunc ipse qui contra formam legis domini Regis et contra consuetudinem et libertatem ville sue predicte in aliquo egerit solvet ballivis et communitati eiusdem ville xls., &c. Et si aliquis burgensis tenens seu residens predicte ville ballivos ville predicte seu aliquem eorum in aliquo licite non obedierit secundum consuetudinem eiusdem ville quod ipse sic delinquens perdet libertatem suam in eadem villa et erit castigatus in prisona ibidem secundum consuetudinem quousque, &c. Et quod Ballivi predicte ville pro tempore existentes pro dictis denariis ut profertur sic forisfactis libere possint distringere ut supra ipsos contra consuetudinem predictam in aliquo agentes et tales districciones sic captas ex consuetudine ville predicte per ballivos ut prefertur causis predictis per annum suum integrum existentes in officio ballivi seu infra annum non deliberatas neque denariis pro eisdem solutis quod ex tunc in fine anni illius bene possint secundum consuetudinem dicte ville dictas districciones in plena Curia appreciari facere et pro denariis predictis vendere, &c. Quas quidem consuetudines predictas ac omnes alias consuetudines legitimas non scriptas et ab antiquo in dicta villa usitatas nos vero predicti burgenses tenentes et residentes concedimus pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quod bene licebit prefatis ballivis modo existentibus et omnibus successoribus suis imperpetuum de et in omnibus terris et tenementis bonis et catallis nostris heredum seu assignatorum nostrorum intrare distringere et districciones sic captas pro predictis denariis penes ut prefertur sic forisfactis et in dicta Curia ejusdem ville causa seu causis predictis ibidem legitime probatis penes se retinere quousque eis plenarie fuerit satisfactum, &c.

Analysis of Documents enrolled in the Dorchester Domesday, commencing 18 Richard II., 1395.

Fol. 1.

ROBERT SUTTON,* JOHN BLOUNT, } Bailiffs, 18 Richard II. [1394-5].

1.

CHARTER OF JOHN HERT.†

William Bradeston, son and heir of Adam Bradeston of Brodemayne, grants to John Hert and his heirs a burgage with curtilage lying on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of William Britt on the north, and the walls of the community of the town (*muros communitatis ville*) on the south, which descended to him on the death of his father aforesaid. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Sutton and John Blount, then Bailiffs of the Town, William atte Naysshe, John Duddill, John Wespray, Thomas Gardyner, Thomas Bertram, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the Feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 18 Richard II. [1395]. Livery of seisin the same day.

2.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM CODEMOR.

John Blount, of Dorchester, grants to William Codemor, *dictus* Walyssh and his heirs, his tenement with curtilage, situate on the north side of West Street (*vico regio occidentali*), Dorchester, between the tenement of Stephen Gille, clerk, on the east, and the tenement of Robert Hayne on the west, which he had by the grant of Henry Raynold, son of John Raynald, of Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*, and by discharging for the said John and his heirs all the rents and services due from that tenement to the Fraternity of St. Mary in the church of St. Peter, of Dorchester. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Sutton, then Bailiff, Peter Blount, John Duddill, William Ayssh, William Pullare, William Wyther, Henry Broke, and others. Dorchester, Monday after the Feast of St. John *ante Port. Lat.*, 18 Richard II. [1395]. Livery of seisin the same day.

* The spelling in Hutchins' *History of Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 350, has been followed, viz., *Sutton*, but the initial letter resembles "G," both here and in several subsequent charters.

† The titles are those given in the Domesday.

3.

CHARTER OF JOHN WESPRAY AND JOHN DUDDILL.

John Bochard, junior, grants to John Wespray and John Duddill and their heirs, a burgage situate on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement late of John Chuse on the west, and the tenement of William Wyther on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Dorchester, 9th May, 18 Richard II. [1395]. Witnesses, Robert Sutton and John Blount, then Bailiffs of the Borough, Peter Blount, William atte Naysshe, William Wither, Thomas Gardyner, John Crauell, and many others. Livery of seisin the same day.

4.

SEISIN OF THE HEIR OF JOHN WHITTOK.

To the Court held at Dorchester, 10th May, 18 Richard II. [1395], before the Bailiffs abovewritten, came Cristina Diluertones, daughter and heir of John Whittok, and claimed to have free seisin of a tenement on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement late of John Chuse on the west, and the tenement late of Richard Foul on the east, which had descended to her after the death of her said father. On testimony that she was next heir of the said John, and of full age, she was admitted and seised by the Bailiffs into the said tenement, and paid her relief.

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ROBERT SUTTON, JOHN BLOUNT, } Bailiffs, 19 Richard II. [1395-6].

5.

WILL OF AGNES HAMONDES.

To the Court held 26th July, 19 Richard II. [1395] came John Fyuyan and John Duddill, executors of the will of Agnes Hamondes, and exhibited and proved the said will before the Bailiffs, according to the custom of the town, which will was dated 4th July, 1395, and contained *inter alia*, " I give to John Syward and his heirs all that place in the south corner of High Street, Dorchester, which I had of the legacy of Robert Hamond, my late husband, to hold of the King *in capite* Also I give to John Fyuyan and John Duddill and their heirs a tenement situate on the north side of East Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Prior of Mayne on the west.

and the tenement of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the east, to sell and dispose of it for the welfare of my soul, and the souls of those for whom I am bound. Also I give to John Fyuyan and John Duddill and their heirs, two tenements situate on the west side of North Street, between the tenement of the Rector of St. Peter's Church, and the tenement of Edward Mason, to sell and dispose of them, as above."

In virtue of this will, John Syward, John Fyuyan, and John Duddill were seised of the tenements, by the Bailiffs. (*Cf.* 14.)*

6.

CHARTER OF JOHN FYUYAN.

Agnes, late wife of Thomas Helier, William Dreu, John Duddill and Henry Tanner, grant to Master John Fyuyan and his heirs their tenement in Dorchester, situate in a certain corner on the east side of All Saints' Church, between the King's way which leads towards la Durnegate, on the west, and the tenement of the said William Dreu on the east, which they lately had by the legacy of Thomas Helier, late husband of Agnes, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Thomas Gardyner and William Adam, then Bailiffs of the Borough, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Aysshe, William Pudele, John Crauel and others. Dorchester, Monday in the Feast of St. Dunstan, Bishop, 16 Richard II. [1393]. Livery of seisin.

7.

WILL OF WILLIAM FRAUNCEYS.

To the Court held the Monday next after the Feast of St. Michael, came Magota Fraunceys and John Sherere, executors of the will of William Fraunceys, and proved the said will, etc., which was dated 20th October, 1394, and contained, *inter alia*, "I give to Magota, my wife, and her heirs, my burgage in Dorchester, situate in a certain lane called Durnelane, between the burgage of John Shudde Dorchester on the east, and the burgage of John Fauconer on the west."

In virtue of this will Magota was seised by the Bailiffs into the said tenement, and did fealty.

* Numbers have been placed at the end of some of these documents for the purpose of cross-reference.

8.

CHARTER OF JOHN SKYNNER.

John Shudde of Dorchester grants to John Skinner and his heirs, his burgage with curtilage in the Borough of Dorchester, situate on the south side of a lane which leads from South Street towards la Durnegate, between the burgage of John Syward on the west, and the burgage of the Prior of Christ Church on the east, which he had by the feoffment of Alice Coles and Matilda Heryngys—to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Sutton, John Blount, then Bailiffs of the Borough, Peter Blount, John Duddill, William Aysh, William Pulhare, John Wespray, and others. Dorchester, Saturday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 19 Richard II. [1395]. Livery of seisin.

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JOHN BLOUNT, WILLIAM NAGARD, } Bailiffs, 19 Richard II. [1395-6].

9.

WILL OF JOHN CRAUEL.

To the Court held 28th November, 19 Richard II. [1395], came Joan, late wife of John Crauel, and Henry Crauel, executors of the said John, and proved the said will, etc., dated 6th June, 1394, containing, *inter alia*, "I give to Joan, my wife, my tenement I inhabit in the town of Dorchester, for her life, and after her death to Henry, my son, and his heirs, situate on the north side of High East Street (*alto vico regio orientali*), between the tenement of John Syward on the east, and the tenement of Agnes Helieres on the west. Also I give to Joan, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement on the south side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of John Crauel on the east, and the tenement of Thomas Wollepenne on the west. Also I give my burgage, situate in the street which leads towards the Friars Minors of Dorchester, to Joan, my wife, Henry Crauel, my son, and the heirs of Henry, to hold my obit annually for the said tenement for ever." Livery of seisin.

10.

CHARTER OF ROBERT GRENELEF.

Robert Grenelef, *dictus* Baker, of Dorchester, grants to ohn Lamere, Vicar of Wynterborne Martyn, and Henry roke, and their heirs, a burgage or tenement with curtilage ı Dorchester, situate on the south side of West Street, between ne tenement of William Wyther on the east, and the tenement f the same Robert on the west, late of Adam Honymoure, ɔ hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John lount and William Nagard, Bailiffs of the town, Peter Blount, obert Grey, William Wyther, Thomas Gardyner, William ysshe, and many others. Dorchester, Sunday after the east of St. Hillary, 19 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin. *Cf.* 11, 364, 366, 419.)

11.

HARTER OF JOHN LAMERE AND HENRY BROKE MADE TO ROBERT GRENELEFE.

John Lamere, Vicar of Wynterborne Martyn, and Henry Broke grant to Robert Grenelef, *dictus* Baker, of Dorchester, nd Joan, his wife, daughter of William Pudelynere, of Beanynstre, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, he premises recited in the foregoing charter. Should they lie without such issue, the premises to revert to the said Robert and his heirs. Warranty. Witnesses, as above. Dorchester, Monday next after the quinzene of St. Hillary, 9 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 10, 364, 366, 19.)

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12.

CHARTER OF JOHN SHIREWODE AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

William Wyther grants to John Shirewode and Alice, is wife, and their heirs, a messuage in Dorchester, in North Street, which leads towards the Friars Minors, between les Nyweshoppes opposite the Cross there, between the shop of he Fraternity of St. Mary, on the east, and the land of the Community of the town of Dorchester on the west, to hold f the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount nd William Nagard, then Bailiffs of the Borough, Peter Blount, William Ayssh, John Duddill, John Wespray, Thomas Garynere and others. Dorchester, 10 January, 19 Richard II. 1396]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 431, 440.)

13.

CHARTER OF JOHN ROOGH.

John Fyuyan and John Duddill grant to John Roogh and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, a moiety of their tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the west side of North Street, between the tenement of the Prior of St. John on the south, and the tenement of Walter Peytenyn on the north, in which tenement William Brut and Matilda, his wife, hold of them the other moiety for their lives. Also an annual rent of six shillings arising from the other moiety, with the reversion of the moiety after the death of the said William and Matilda—to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Blount, William Nagard, then Bailiffs of the Borough, Peter Blount, William Ayssh, John Wespray, William Pullare, William Wyther, and many others. Dorchester, 5th May, 19 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 283.)

14.

RELEASE MADE TO JOHN FYUYAN.

Agnes, late wife of Robert Hamond, had left by will to John Fyuyan and John Duddill, and their heirs, a tenement on the north side of East Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Prior of Mayne on the west, and the tenement of the Prior of St. John, of Dorchester, on the east. Now John Duddill releases, for himself and his heirs, to the said John Fyuyan, all right and claim in the same. Witnesses, John Blount and William Nagard, then Bailiffs of the town, Peter Blount, William Aysshe, John Wespray, Thomas Gardyner, Henry Crauel, William Wyther, and many others. Dorchester, 20th May, 19 Richard II. [1396]. (*Cf.* 5.)

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15.

CHARTER OF JOHN FYUYAN.

Peter Blount, of Dorchester, grants to John Fyuyan and his heirs a burgage with dovehouse, situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Abbot of Abbotsbury on the south, and the tenement of John Davy on the north. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount,

William Nagard, Bailiffs of the Borough, William Aysshh, William Pulhare, William Wither, Henry Broke, Thomas Gardyner, William Adam, John Wespray, Thomas Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, 14th April, 19 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 90, 299.)

16.

WILL OF JOHN FYTHELER.

To the Court held 22nd May, 19 Richard II. [1396] came Margaret, late wife of John Fitheler, and his executrix, and proved his will, etc., dated Thursday next after the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 1395, containing *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Margaret, my wife, and her heirs, all my barn with curtilage, situate in Piselane, between Robert Portland on the west and my tenement on the east; and I bequeath to William, my son, and his heirs, a burgage adjacent with curtilage, situate between the said barn on the west and another tenement of mine on the east. Also I give to Richard, my son, and his heirs, a burgage with curtilage, situate between my tenement on the west, and the tenement of William Nagard on the east. Also I bequeath a burgage with curtilage, seven feet in breadth, situate in a lane which leads from All Saints' Church towards la Durnegate, lying between the tenement of Stephen Gille and a tenement of Henry Child, for a priest to celebrate daily for one year." By virtue of this will, Margaret, William and Richard were seised of their tenements by the Bailiffs. William is aged eight years, Richard two. (*Cf.* 18.)

17.

WILL OF JOHN SHERERE.

To the Court, 3rd July, 20 Richard II. [1396], came John Wespray and Joan, late wife of John Sherere, his executors, and proved his will, dated 3rd January, 1395, containing, *inter alia*, "I give to Joan, my wife, and Joan, my daughter, and their heirs, my burgage, situate on the south side of Durnelane, between the place of John Shudde on the west, and a lane which leads towards la Durnegate, in a certain corner opposite the tenement late John Warmwelle's." By virtue of this will they were seised by the Bailiffs in the burgage aforesaid. (*Cf.* 245, 246.)

18.

CHARTER OF JOHN NEEL.

Margaret, relict of John Fitheler, in her widowhood, grants to John Neel, of Portland, and his heirs, her burgage with curtilage, situate in Pisselane, Dorchester, between the tenement of Robert Portland on the west, and the tenement late of John Fitheler on the east, which burgage she had by the legacy of John Fitheler, late her husband, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount, William Nagard, Bailiffs of the town, Peter Blount, John Duddill, William Pulhare, Thomas Gardyner, William Wither, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Augustine, Bishop, 19 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 16.)

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19.

CHARTER OF RALPH MERSOUR.

John Bomell, of Dorchester, grants to Ralph Mersour, of the same, and his heirs, a burgage with curtilage in the Borough, situate in Puselane, between the burgage of Nicholas Helier on the west and the burgage of the Prior of St. John Baptist on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount, William Nagard, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Wither, William Pullehare, William Adam, William atte Aissh, Thomas Wareyn, Geoffrey Mose, and many others. Dorchester, Monday, 5th June, 19 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin.

20.

CHARTER OF JOHN BOMELL.

Ralph Mersour, of Dorchester, grants to John Bomell of the same town, and his heirs, a tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of Richard Merchaunt on the north, and the tenement of Thomas Belhous on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount, William Nagard, Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Pullehare, William Wither, Henry Brouk, Thomas Gardyner, Geoffrey Mose, and many others. Dorchester, Monday, 5th June, 19 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin.

WILLIAM AYSSH, WILLIAM NAGARD, } Bailiffs, 20 Richard II. [1396-7].

21.

CHARTER OF JOHN DUDDILL.

Christina, wife of the late William Duluerton, in her widowhood grants to John Duddill and his heirs a messuage on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, situate between the tenement late of John Chuse on the west, and the tenement late of Richard Foul on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh, William Nagard, Bailiffs of the Borough, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Wyther, William Pullare, Robert Baker, and others. Dorchester, Saturday in the Feast of St. Martin, Bp., 20 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin.

22.

CHARTER OF RICHARD JON, CLERK, ROBERT SALCHE AND WILLIAM PULLARE.

Alice, late the wife of William Pudele, of Dorchester, grants to Richard Jon, clerk, Robert Calche, and William Pullare and their heirs, a tenement in Dorchester, situate on the south side of the High Street, opposite Holy Trinity Church, between the tenement of the Abbot of Abbotsbury on the east, and the burgage of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the west, which she had by the legacy of her said husband, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh, William Nagard, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, John Duddill, John Wespray, William Wither, and many others. Dorchester, Tuesday next before the Feast of the Conception B.V.M., 20 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 46.)

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23.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM ROPERE, TANNER.

William Ayssh, of Dorchester, grants to William Ropere, Tanner, and his heirs, the annual rent of a rose, to be received on the Feast of St. John Baptist from his tenement and curilage in Dorchester, situate on the north side of Durne lane, between the tenement late of John Crauel on the west, and the tenement which John Carpunter holds on the east, together

with the reversion of the said tenement after the death of John Draau, of Fordyngton, and Julian, his wife, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Nagard, then Bailiff, Peter Blount, John Duddill, William Pulhare, John Blount, Thomas Gardyner, Henry Crauel, and others. Dorchester, Friday next after the Feast of All Saints, 20 Richard II. [1396]. "*Virtute huius scripti tenens attornavit.*" (*Cf.* 335.)

24.

ANNUAL RENT OF WILLIAM AYSSH.

Joan, late the wife of John Crauel, and Henry Crauel, son and heir of the said John, grant to William Ayssh, of Dorchester, and his heirs, an annual rent of six shillings, issuing and to be received from their tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the north side of High East Street (*in alto vico regio orientali*) between the tenements of John Syward on either side, to hold of the King *in capite*. Power of recovery by distress. Warranty. A penny delivered to William Ayssh *nomine attornacionis et seisine*. Witnesses, John Blount and William Nagard, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Pulhare, John Duddill, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the Feast of St. Michael, 20 Richard II. [1396]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 64.)

25.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM AYSSH.

Henry Crauel, of Dorchester, and Alice, his wife, grant to William Ayssh, of Dorchester, and his heirs, an annual rent of three pence to be received from a tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, which William Hopere and Matilda, his wife, hold of them for their lives, with the reversion of the same, situate on the south side of the lane which leads towards la Durnegate, between the tenement of the Prior of Christ Church of Twynham on the west, and the tenement of John Mountagu on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount and William Nagard, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Pulhare, John Duddill, Thomas Gardyner, John Wespray, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. Michael, 20 Richard II. [1396]. The tenants attorned to the said Wm. Ayssh, concerning the said rent. (*Cf.* 29, 426.)

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26.

WILL OF HENRY CALCHE.

To the Court, on Monday next before the feast of the Annunciation B.V.M., 20 Richard II. [1397], came Margery, ate the wife of Henry Calche, and Henry Crauel, executors of the will of the said Henry Calche, and proved his will, dated 27th January, 1396, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Margery, my wife, and her heirs, an annual rent of 13s. 4d., ssuing from a tenement in Dorchester which Geoffrey Barbour and Cristina, his wife, hold of me for their lives, with the reversion of the said tenement, to hold of the King *in capite*, which tenement is situate in the parish of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, nigh the burial-ground of the said church, on the east side." By the payment of one penny, the said Geoffery attorned to the said Margery. (*Cf.* 27.)

27.

CHARTER OF ROBERT CALCHE, CONCERNING AN ANNUAL RENT.

Margery, relict of Henry Calche, in pure widowhood grants to Robert Calche and his heirs the aforesaid annual rent of 13s. 4d., with reversion of the tenement, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh and William Nagard, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, Robert Sutton, John Duddill, William Pulhare, William Wyther, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next before the Annunciation B.V.M., 20 Richard II., [1397]. *Virtute huius concessionis tenens attornavit.* (*Cf.* 26.)

28.

CHARTER OF JOHN JOCE, BAKERE.

William Cole, heliere, of Dorchester, grants to John Joce, Bakere, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a place of land called la dayne on the west side of South Street, in the Borough of Dorchester, lying at the end of the curtilage of the Abbot of Milton,* on the south, and the curtilage of Thomas Bertram on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh, William Nagard, then Bailiffs of the Borough, Peter Blount, William Pulhare, John Wespray,

* In Charter 212 Byndon occurs instead of Milton.

Robert Sutton, John Blount, and many others. Dorchester, Monday, 14th May, 20 Richard II. [1397]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 212, 369, 489, 511, 524, 592.)

29.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BAKERE.

William Ayssh grants to Thomas Bakere, of Dorchester, and Edith, his wife, and their heirs, an annual rent of three pence, issuing from a tenement in Dorchester, which William Houper holds for his life, together with the reversion of the said tenement, which he had by the grant of Henry Crauel and Alice, his wife, situate on the south side of the lane which leads from High South Street towards la Durnegate, between the tenement of the Prior of Christchurch of Twynham in the west, and the tenement of John Mountagu on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh and William Nagard, Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Pullehare, Robert Sutton, John Wespray, Thomas Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, Monday, 14th May, 20 Richard II. [1397]. The tenant attorned. (*Cf.* 25, 426.)

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30.

CHARTER OF JOHN DUDDILL AND RICHARD BERTRAM.

Matilda, late the wife of William Slabbere, grants to John Duddel and Richard Bertram, and their heirs, a corner tenement in Dorchester, in the street which leads towards the Friars Minors, which she and her said husband had by the feoffment of Roger Haselbere, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Mary Magdalene, 21 Richard II. [1397]. Witnesses, William Ayssh and William Nagard, then Bailiffs, John Blount, Thomas Gardener, Robert Sutton, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Bertram, and many others. Livery of seisin.

31.

CHARTER OF THOMAS PEYNTOUR.

John Bray and Joan, his wife, grant to Thomas Wolpenne, Peyntour, of Dorchester, and Matilda, his wife, and their heirs, a burgage with curtilage on the east side of South Street in Dorchester, between the tenement of the Fraternity of

Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter in the said town on the north, in which tenement William Harlow now dwells, and the tenement of William Pail on the south, to hold of the King. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh and William Nagard, Bailiffs, Robert Sutton, Thomas Bertram, Richard Bertram, John Blount, John Crauel, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of the Assumption B.V.M., 21 Richard II. [1397]. Livery of seisin.

JOHN WESPRAY, GEOFFREY MOSE, } Bailiffs, 21 Richard II. [1397-8].

32.

CHARTER OF GEOFFREY MOSE.

William Brut grants to Geoffrey Mose and his heirs a tenement in Dorchester, situate on the west side of South Street, between the tenement of William Chuse on the north, and the tenement of the said Geoffrey on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Wespray, Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs of the Borough, Peter Blount, William Ayssh, William Adam, William Wither, Thomas Bertram, Richard Bertram, Robert Sutton, and many others. Dorchester, Thursday next after the feast of St. Leonard, Bishop, 21 Richard II. Livery of seisin.

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33.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BAKER, OF DORCHESTER.

Thomas Wolpenne, Peyntour, of Dorchester, and Matilda, his wife, grant to Thomas Baker, of the same town, and his heirs, a burgage with curtilage situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in St. Peter's Church on the north, in which William Harlow now dwells, and a tenement of William Pail on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Wespray, Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Pulhare, William Wither, John Blount, William Nagard, Thomas Gardyner, William Adam, Thomas Bertram, Richard Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. Martin, Bishop, 21 Richard II. [1397]. Livery of seisin.

34.

WILL OF JOHN SPILEWYNE.

At the Court at Dorchester, 10th December, 21 Richard II. [1397], was exhibited the will of John Spilewyne, dated at Canndelhaddon, 10th May, 1397, containing *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Margery, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement in Dorchester, situate in Frerenlane, between the tenement of Thomas Lamer on the north, and the tenement of Thomas Tholet on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin.

35.

CHARTER OF JOHN PAIL, OF FORDYNGTON.

Thomas Bakere, of Dorchester, grants to John Payl, of Fordyngton, and his heirs, the burgage with curtilage on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in St. Peter's Church on the north and a tenement of the said John Pail on the south, to hold of the King. Warranty. Witnesses, John Wespray, Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Wyther, John Blount, William Aysshe, William Adam, Thomas Gardyner, Thomas Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of SS. Philip and James, 21 Richard II. [1398]. Livery of seisin.

36.

CHARTER OF CRISTINA, LATE WIFE OF THOMAS LAMER.

John Lamer, clerk, Henry Brouks, of Dorchester, and John Gould, of Seburgh, reciting that Thomas Lamer, late citizen of London, granted to them and their heirs his lands and tenements, etc., in Sutton Poyntz, his tenement in Dorchester, between a tenement of William Chuse on the south and a place of Blessed Mary on the north (*vnam placeam b'e Marie*), his reversion of three shops in High Street, Dorchester, between the tenement which John Blount now holds on the west, and the tenement of John Hayward on the east, and a tenement in South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of John Penne on the south, and the tenement of William Drewe on the north—demise and by this present indenture confirm all the premises to Cristina, late the wife of the said Thomas Lamer, to hold of the chief lords of those fees—so that, upon the death of the said Cristina, the two

tenements in Dorchester should remain to John, son of the said Thomas and Cristina Lamer, and the heirs of his body, failing these to Alice, the sister of John, and the heirs of her body; and that the lands, etc., in Sutton Poyns, and the three shops in Dorchester should remain to the said Alice and the heirs of her body, failing these, to John and the heirs of his body. Should both die without such heirs, then all the premises to remain to Ralph Shephurde, Rector of the Church of Nythercompton, and Benedict Lyger,* Vicar of the Church of Woborne, their heirs and assigns. Witnesses, John Wespray, Geoffrey Mose, Bailiffs, John Syward, Peter Blount, William atte Ayssh, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after Palm Sunday, 21 Richard II. [1398]. Livery of seisin to Cristina of the tenements in Dorchester.

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37.

CHARTER OF JOHN BLOUNT AND CLARICIA, HIS WIFE.

Peter Blount, of Dorchester, grants by indenture to John Blount, of the same, his brother, and Claricia,† his wife, and their heirs, a tenement in Dorchester, situate on the south side of the High Street opposite la Nywehyn, between the tenement of John Syward on the east, and the tenement of John Benefeld on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*, rendering yearly to the said Peter and to Julian, his wife, for their lives 13s. 4d., in quarterly payments. Power of distress. Warranty. Witnesses, John Wespray, Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, Robert Sutton, William Pullare, Thomas Gardyner, John Duddill, and many others. Dorchester, 16th May, 21 Richard II. [1398]. Livery of seisin.

RALPH MERSOUR, HENRY CRAUEL, } Bailiffs, 22 Richard II. [1398-9].

38.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM AYSSH.

William Meryweder grants to William Ayssh and his heirs a burgage with curtilage in the Borough of Dorchester,

* Benedict Liger was Vicar of Oborne, 1405. (*Dean Chandler's Register, Sarum.*)

† She is called Clara in John Blount's will; 251.

situate on the south side of West Street, between the tenement of the Fraternity of St. Mary and the tenement formerly of Robert Brut, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Sealed with his seal and the seal of office of the Bailiffs of the town (*et sigillum officii ballivorum ville predicte similiter apponi procuravi*). Witnesses, Ralph Mersour, Henry Crauel, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, John Wespray, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 22 Richard II. [1398]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 39.)

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39.

CHARTER OF JOHN KETE AND ROSE, HIS WIFE.

William Ayssh, of Dorchester, grants to John Kete and Rose, his wife, and their heirs, a burgage with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the south side of West Street, between the tenement of the Fraternity of St. Mary on the west, and the tenement late of Robert Brut on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Ralph Mersour, Henry Crauel, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Pullare, William Nagard, John Duddill, and many others. Dorchester, Tuesday next before the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, 22 Richard II. [1398]. Livery of seisin.

"Virtute hujus carte prefati Johannes et Rosa in tenemento predicto seisiti sunt per ballivos, et finem fecerunt pro libertate sua optinenda," etc. (*Cf.* 38.)

40.

CHARTER OF ROBERT VEEL.

John Syward, senior, grants to Robert Veel and his heirs a burgage in Dorchester, situate in Frerenlane, of which John Pety is tenant at will, to hold of the chief lord of that fee. Warranty. Witnesses, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Wither, William Ayssh, John Wespray, and others. Styntesford, 15th November, 22 Richard II. [1398]. Livery of seisin by the Bailiffs in virtue of the above writing of feoffment, and of a letter of attorney of John Syward, directed to John Gile, to deliver seisin to Robert Veel.

41.

WILL OF JOHN SYWARD, SENIOR.

To the Court held at Dorchester, 3rd February, 22 Richard II. [1399], came Robert Belle, clerk, John Gouytz, and Robert Veel, executors of the will of John Syward, senior, and proved his will, dated 23rd November, 1398, containing *inter alia*, "I bequeath to the Abbot and Convent of Cerne, my state, right and term which I have in a messuage which I have newly built upon the soil of the Abbot and Convent in Dorchester, in which Robert Deueneshire and Geoffrey Mose now dwell, opposite the market (*ex opposito mercati eiusdem ville*) to pray for my soul and the souls of my father and mother, according to the conscience of the Abbot and Convent. I bequeath to my executors and their heirs a burgage in Southampton, co. South., to dispose of the same for the souls aforesaid and those of our parents and benefactors. Also I bequeath to them and their heirs a rent of 20s., issuing from a burgage which Henry Estafeld and Alice, his wife, hold in Dorchester, and a rent of 4s. issuing from a burgage which Margery Frome holds in Dorchester, and all my burgages, lands, etc., etc., in Dorchester and Melcombe Regis, to dispose of them for the like purpose. I will that Richard Northbury receive an annual rent of five marks, which I was wont to receive from a tenement in Southwerk for a certain term of years, on the condition that if he dies within that term, the remainder should revert to my executors. I bequeath to John, son of Agnes Quarell, for his schooling, by order of my executors, the state and term which I have in lands and tenements in Fordyngton, which Roger Syward my father formerly acquired of William Leigh." Livery of seisin to the executors. (*Cf.* 53, 54, 55, 57, 95, 107, 121, 126, 165, 207, 208, 382, 388, 400, 434, 435.)

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42.

CHARTER OF SIMON BERD, CARPENTER.

William Chuse, of Dorchester, grants to Simon Berd, Carpynter, and his heirs, a tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the north side of West Street, between the tenement of Stephen Gille on the west, and the tenement late of John Skryuayn on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. His seal and that of the Bailiffs. (*Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum sigillum officii*

ballivorum de Dorchestre predicta similiter apponi procuravi). Witnesses, Henry Crauel, Ralph Mersour, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Ayssh, John Wespray, Geoffrey Mose, William Adam, and many others. Dorchester, Monday in the feast of St. Matthias the Apostle, 22 Richard II. [1399]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 88, 407, 466.)

43.

WILL OF WILLIAM HERLOWE.

At the Court held 10th March, 22 Richard II. [1399], was exhibited the will of William Harlowe, dated 2do Id. January, 1397, containing *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Joan, my wife, and her heirs, a burgage which lies on this side of South Street (*citra viam australem*) on the east side, between a burgage of Blessed Mary on the north, and a burgage of William Ayssh on the south." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 44.)

44.

CHARTER OF JOHN ELISANNDRE.

Joan, late the wife of William Harlowe, grants to John Elisanndre and his heirs the burgage which she had by the bequest of William, her said husband, situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of William Ayssh on the south, and a place of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Sealed by her and the Bailiffs. Witnesses, Henry Crauel and Ralph Mersour, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Wespray, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Gregory, 22 Richard II. [1399]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 43.)

45.

CHARTER OF JOHN GOLDSMYTH.

Thomasia, late the wife of Robert Goldsmyth, of Dorchester, in her widowhood grants to John Goldsmyth, her son, and to Edith, his wife, and the heirs of John, the south end of her tenement in Dorchester, and of the curtilage, which tenement is situate in the lane which leads from High West Street towards the North Gate, between the tenement of Nicholas Cole on the north, and the tenement which Robert

Portlond holds on the south, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Ralph Mersour, Henry Crauel, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Pullare, William Nagard, John Dudill, Robert Baker, and many others. Dorchester, 28th April, 22 Richard II. [1399]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 189, 349, 373, 377.)

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46.

CHARTER OF RALPH MERSOUR.

Richard Ion, clerk, Robert Calche, and William Pullare, grant to Ralph Mersour and his heirs, a tenement in Dorchester, situate on the south side of the High Street, opposite Holy Trinity Church, between the tenement of the Abbot of Abbotesbury on the east, and the burgage of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the west—which tenement they lately had by the feoffment of Alice, late wife of William Pudele, of Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Sealed by them and the Bailiffs. Witnesses, Henry Crauel and Ralph Mersour, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Nagard, John Wespray, John Duddill, and many others. Dorchester, 9th April, 22 Richard II. [1399]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 22.)

RALPH MERSOUR, HENRY CRAUEL, } Bailiffs, 23 Richard II. [1398-9].

47.

CHARTER OF HENRY ROYS, CLERK, AND RICHARD DURANT.

Sarah, late wife of William Lageford, in her pure widowhood grants to Henry Roys, clerk, and Richard Durant, and their heirs, her tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the south side of la Durnelane, between the tenement which the Rector of the Church of All Saints holds on the west, and the tenement of John Shudde on the east, which she lately had by the bequest of William, her husband, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauell and Ralph Merssour, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Duddill, John Blount, William Wither, John Wespray, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. George the Martyr 22 Richard II. [1399]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 50, 447.)

[This was a conveyance with a view to her approaching marriage with Walter Bouer, and the premises were then re-conveyed to her and her husband.]

48.

CHARTER OF ROBERT VEEL AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Joan, late the wife of Thomas Sexpenne, daughter and heir of Robert Basset, grants to Robert Veel, and Alice, his wife, her daughter, and to the heirs of their bodies, a messuage with curtilage adjoining, 18½ acres of arable land in Frome Whytefeld called Richardes-place, and all common of pasture granted to the said Robert Basset, together with the messuage and land aforesaid. Also a croft of meadow and a copse (*virgultum*) in the same, called Eglesham, in Frome aforesaid, and a messuage in Dorchester late of her father, Robert Basset, situate in the east side of North Street, in the tenure of Nicholas Cole. To hold of the chief lords of those fees. Should Robert Veel and Alice die without such heirs, then the premises to remain to the heirs of the body of Alice. Failing these, to the right heirs of Joan for ever. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Turbeuyll, John Cary, Knights, John Goutz, William Peuerell, John Duddell, Reginald Jacob, John Fryppe, William Sexpenne, and others. Frome Whytefeld, Monday, 2nd June, 22 Richard II. [1399]. Livery of seisin in the tenement in Dorchester.

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49.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM ASSH AND ALIENOR, HIS WIFE.

Alice Wyther in her pure widowhood grants to William Assh and Alienor, his wife, and their heirs, her tenement in the Borough of Dorchester, situate next the East Gate, between the tenement of the said William Assh on the north, and the tenement of John Goolde on the south, to hold of her and her heirs for ever, to hold of the capital lords of that fee. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauell, Ralph Mersour, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Duddell, Robert Sutton, William Pulhare, John Wespray, Nicholas Cole, Thomas Gardyner, John Blount, Reginald Jacob, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next after the feast of the Assumption, Blessed Mary, 23 Richard II. [1399]. Livery of seisin.

50.

CHARTER OF WALTER BOUER AND SARAH, HIS WIFE.

Henry Roys, clerk, and Richard Durant, grant to Walter Bouer* and Sarah, his wife, and their heirs, their tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the south side of Durnelane, between the tenement which the Rector of All Saints holds on the west, and the tenement of John Shudde on the east, which they had by the feoffment of the said Sarah in her pure widowhood to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Henry Crauell and Ralph Mersour, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, John Duddill, William Pulhare, William Nagard, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. Michael, Archangel, 23 Richard II. [1399]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 47, 447.)

51.

WILL OF WILLIAM WYTHER.

At the Court held on Monday, 11th August, 23 Richard II. [1399], was exhibited the will of William Wyther, before Henry Crauel and Ralph Mercer, then Bailiffs, dated 17th July, 1399, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Alice, my wife, my tenement in Dorchester, with dovehouse, situate in the parish of Holy Trinity, on the south side of West Street, between the tenement of Robert Bakere on the west, and a place of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the east, to hold for the term of her life, with remainder to Sir (*D'no*) William Bysshop and his heirs, to hold of the King, paying to the said Alice for the said tenement xl *li*. Also I bequeath to Alice, my wife, John Dudell, and Richard Craneborne, my executors, and their heirs, a tenement in Dorchester, situate on the north side of West Street, between the tenement of John Dudell on the east, and the tenement of John Wespray on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*, to dispose of the same for the welfare of my soul and my wife's. Also I bequeath to Alice, my wife, my tenement in Dorchester, situate on the north side of West Street, between the tenement of John Sterthull on the west, and the tenement which Robert Portlond holds on the east, to hold for her life, and then the western half to remain to Agnes, wife of Walter Beryll, and her heirs, and the eastern half to Richard, son of Walter Beryll, and his heirs—to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin to Alice, John Dudell and Richard Craneborne. (*Cf.* 58, 61.)

* The name of the Grantee is Bouer, not Boner, as shown by No. 447.

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WILLIAM AYSSH, JOHN DUDDILL, } Bailiffs, 1 Henry IV. [1399-1400].

52.

WILL OF HENRY DUDDILL.

At the Court held Monday next after Michaelmas day, 1 Henry IV. [1399], was exhibited the will of Henry Duddill, dated Saturday in the vigil of St. Laurence, Martyr, 1399, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Matilda, my wife, my tenement in Dorchester, situate on the north side of a lane called la vlnenlane between the tenement of Nicholas Cole on the west, and the tenement of John Galon on the east, for her life, and then to John, my son, and his heirs, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin to Matilda.

53.

CHARTER OF JOHN SKYNNER, OF DORCHESTER.

Robert Belle, clerk, John Gouytz and Robert Veel, executors of the will of John Syward, sen., deceased, grant to John Skynner, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a place in the Borough called la Pentys, situate in a certain corner, opposite the corner of the Abbot of Cerne on the south side of the High Street, 26 feet long, and 8 feet wide, which they had by the will of the said John Syward, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, William Ayssh, John Duddill, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Wespray, William Pular', and many others. Dorchester, 30th October, 1 Henry IV. [1399]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 41, 165, 382, 388.)

54.

CHARTER OF WALTER BOUER AND SARAH, HIS WIFE.

Robert Belle, clerk, John Gouytz and Robert Veel, executors of the will of John Syward, sen., dec^{d}, grant to Walter Bouer and Sarah, his wife, and their heirs, a burgage in Dorchester, which they lately had by bequest of John Syward, situate in the parish of All Saints, between the burgages of Henry Estafeld on the west, and of Richard Durant on the east, to hold of the King. Witnesses, John Duddill, William Ayssh, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Nagard, Thomas Gardyner, William Adam, and others. Dorchester, 6th December, 1 Henry IV. [1399]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 41.)

55.

CHARTER OF JOHN WESPRAY AND MATILDA, HIS WIFE.

Robert Belle, clerk, John Gouytz, and Robert Veel, executors of John Syward, sen., deceased, grant to John Wespray, and Matilda, his wife, and their heirs, a burgage with curtilage in "la Southstrete," Dorchester, situate between the burgage of the grantors on the north, and a burgage of John and Matilda Wespray which they lately acquired of John Dudell on the south, to hold of the King. Witnesses, William Ayssh, John Dudell, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Pullare, William Nagard, William Adam, Thomas Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 6th December, 1 Henry IV. [1399]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 41.)

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56.

WILL OF ALICE KING, OF TOLPUDELE.

At the Court held at Dorchester, 10th May, 1 Henry IV. [1400], was exhibited the will of Alice Kyng, of Tolpudele, by Walter Bounde and Alice, his wife, executors, dated 12th April, 1400, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Walter Bound and Agnes, his wife, and their heirs, my place with curtilage in Dorchester, lying on the south side of East Street, between the tenement which John Goldhord formerly held of the Prior of the House of St. John, and the tenement formerly of William Cole, called Campeden, to hold of the King *in capite*. Livery of seisin.

57.

CHARTER OF JOHN JURDAN.

Robert Belle, clerk, John Gouytz, and Robert Veel, executors of the will of John Syward, grant to John Jurdan and his heirs their tenement in Dorchester, situate in High Street opposite the new inn (*ex opposito noui hospicii*), between the tenement of John Blount on the west, and the tenement of John Goulde on the east, which they lately had by the bequest of John Syward, deceased, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, William Ayssh, and John Duddill, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Pulhare, John Wespray, William Nagard, and others. Dorchester, Friday next after the Epiphany, 1 Henry IV. [1400]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 41.)

58.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM SEXPENNE AND EVA, HIS WIFE.

Alice Wyther, relict of William Wither, in her pure widowhood grants to William Sixpenne and Eva, his wife, and their heirs, her place with curtilage on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, situate between the tenement of Reginald Jacob on the west, and the tenement of John Blount on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh, John Duddill, then Bailiffs, William Pulare, John Blount, John Bomyl, and many others. Dorchester, 5th July, 1 Henry IV. [1400]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 51.)

59.

CHARTER OF JOHN JURDAN.

John Hulle grants to John Jurdan and his heirs his tenement in Dorchester, situate on the west side of South Street, between the tenement of John Hayward on one side, and the tenement of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the other, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Duddill and William Ayssh, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Pulhare, Thomas Bertram, John Fyuyan, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. George, Martyr, 1 Henry IV. [1400]. Livery of seisin.

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60.

CHARTER OF JOHN PAMPELON, CLERK, AND JOHN JURDAN.

John Shudde grants to John Pampelon, clerk, and John Jurdan and his heirs, his tenement in Dorchester, situate in a certain corner on the south side of East Street, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Duddill and William Ayssh, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, Henry Crauell, William Pulhare, John Fyuyan, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. George, Martyr, 1 Henry IV. [1400].

61.

CHARTER OF THOMAS MALLYNG AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

Alice, late the wife of William Wither, Richard Craneborn, clerk, and John Duddill, grant to Thomas Mallyng, Skynner, and Agnes, his wife, and the heirs of Thomas, a tenement in

Dorchester, situate on the north side of West Street, between the tenement of John Duddill on the east and the tenement of John Wespray on the west, which they had by the bequest of the said William Wyther, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, William Ayssh, John Duddill, Bailiffs, William Pulhare, John Blount, Robert Baker, William Nagard, and many others. Dorchester, the last day of May, 1 Henry IV. [1400]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 51.)

62.

CHARTER OF THOMAS ILLARY, WILLIAM RYNGSTEDE AND JOHN BROUKS.

Henry Brouks of Dorchester grants to Thomas Illary, of Shirborn, William Ryngstede, and John Brouks, and their heirs, all his burgages which he has in Dorchester, except a chamber (*vna cam'a*) situate in the street leading from the market place (*forum mercati*) towards the Friars Minors of the said town, between the hall of one of the said burgages on the *east* (*sic*), and the burgage of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the Church of St. Peter's, Dorchester, on the *south* (*sic*), to hold of the King. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh, and John Duddill, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Wespray, Reginald Jacob, Robert Veel, and others. Dorchester, 1st November, 1 Henry IV. [1399]. Livery of seisin to William Ryngstede.

63.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM AYSSH AND ALIANOR, HIS WIFE.

Peter Blount, of Dorchester, grants to William Ayssh, of Dorchester, and Alianor, his wife, and the heirs of William, a messuage with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the west side of South Street, between the tenement of Thomas Bertram on the south, and the tenement of John Penne on the north. Also two acres of arable land in Dorchester lying in les West Walles (*iacentes in les West Walles*) which were lately William Hamond's (*see* No. 262), to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Duddill and William Ayssh, then Bailiffs, John Blount, William Nagard, William Pulhare, Thomas Gardyner, Thomas Bertram, William Adam, and others. Dorchester, 10th June, 1 Henry IV. [1400]. Livery of seisin.

64.

DEED ANNULLING THE ANNUAL RENT GRANTED TO WILLIAM AYSSH.

Indenture made at Dorchester, Friday in feast of St. Michael, 20 Richard II. [1396], between Joan, late the wife of John Crauel, and Henry, son and heir of the said John, of the one part, and William Ayssh, of Dorchester, of the other part, witnesses that the said Joan and Henry have by a certain writing granted to the said William an annual rent of 6 sh. issuing from a tenement and curtilage on the north side of High East Street; nevertheless the said William concedes that if he and his heirs enjoy an annual rent of 3d., issuing from a tenement in Dorchester which William Houper and Matilda, his wife, hold for their lives, and the reversion of the same tenement, which rent of 3d. and reversion the said William Ayssh lately had by the feoffment of the said Henry Crauel and Alice, his wife, then the rent of 6 sh. should cease. (*Cf.* 24, 25.)

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65.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM NAGARD AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

John Benefeld grants to William Nagard and Agnes, his wife, and their heirs, a tenement in Dorchester with curtilage adjoining, with the western hedge of the said curtilage and all the western walls of the houses of the said tenement, situate on the south side of West Street, between the tenement of Peter Blount on the west and the tenement of John Blount, sadeler, on the east; together with the reversion of an undercellar of the said tenement, which Peter Blount holds for his life by the demise of the said John Benefeld, all of which the grantor had by the grant of the said Peter Blount. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh and John Duddill, then Bailiffs, William Pullehare, John Blount, Reginald Jacop, Ralph Mersour, Henry Crauel, and many others. Dorchester, Saturday in the Vigil of St. James, 1 Henry IV. [1400]. Livery of seisin.

JOHN BLOUNT, JOHN DUDDILL, } Bailiffs, 2 Henry IV. [1400-1].

66.

WILL OF ALICE, WIFE OF JOHN DUDDILL.

At the Court at Dorchester, 24th January, 2 Henry IV. [1401], was exhibited the will of Alice, late the wife of John

Duddill, dated 1st December, 1399, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to John Duddill, my husband, and his heirs, a tenement in Dorchester situate on the north side of West Street, between the tenement late of William Wither on the west, and the tenement formerly of Henry Boneuyle on the east, to hold of the King, on the condition that the said tenement be valued, and its value be equally distributed between John Beste, chaplain, Richard Dore, chaplain, John Wynterborne, monk of Cern, and John Dorchestre, monk of Shirborn, to celebrate and pray for my soul, and the soul of John Deigher, late my husband." Livery of seisin.

67.

CHARTER OF JOHN CROKKER, OF FROMPTON.

William Chuse, son and heir of John Chuse, of Dorchester, grants to John Crokker, of Frompton, and his heirs, a tenement in Dorchester, situate on the south side of West Street, between the tenement late of Cristina Duluerton on the east, and the tenement of John Champion on the west, which descended to him upon the death of John Chuse, his father, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount, John Duddill, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, William Nagard, Robert Baker, John Fyuyen, and many others. Dorchester, 9th April, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin.

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68.

WILL OF JOHN WEDON.

At the Court held 12th April, 2 Henry IV. [1401], was exhibited the will of John Wedon, of Dorchester, dated 9th August, 1400, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Alice, my wife, my tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the north side of East Street, between the tenement of Robert Calche on the east, and the lane which leads to the church of the Friars Minors on the west, for her life, and then to remain to Roger, my son, and his heirs. I bequeath to Richard, my son, and his heirs, a cottage in Frerenlane, between the cottages of John Coude and Cristine Prentys. I bequeath to Alice, my wife, my burgage in Melcomb for her life, and then to remain to my son John and his heirs." Livery of seisin to Alice and Richard. (*Cf.* 361.)

69.

CHARTER OF JOHN FYUYAN.

John Gouytz delivers and grants to John Fyuyan all the state he has in a tenement in Dorchester, situate in a certain corner on the south side of All Saints' Church, between the tenement of William Chuse and a lane which leads towards la Durnegate, which he lately held by the law of England after the death of Isabella, his wife, daughter of Agnes, daughter of Adam Glide, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Blount, John Duddill, Bailiffs, William Ayssh, William Nagard, John Wespray, William Chuse, and others. Dorchester, 7th April, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin.

In the margin, "Ex p'te Joh'is Clerk." (*Cf.* 70, 71.)

70.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

John Gouytz appoints John Wespray his attorney, to deliver seisin to John Fyuyan in the tenement aforesaid. Dorchester, 7th April, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. (*Cf.* 69, 71.)

71.

RELEASE MADE TO JOHN FYUYAN.

William Fraunces, cousin and heir of Adam Glide, viz., son of Agnes, daughter of John Glide, brother of the aforesaid Adam Glide, releases and quitclaims to John Fyuyan all claim upon the premises conveyed by the preceding charter. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount, John Duddill, Bailiffs, John Gouytz, Henry Crauel, William Nagard, John Wespray, William Chuse, and others. Dorchester, 10th April, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. "This release was shown and declared before the aforesaid Bailiffs in full Court."

In the margin, "Ex p'te Joh'is Clerk." (*Cf.* 69, 70.)

72.

CHARTER OF PETER BLOUNT.

Edward Chepman, of Dorchester, cousin and heir of Richard Norewey, clerk, grants to Peter Blount, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a toft with curtilage in Dorchester, lying on the north side of vlnenlane, between the tenement of Thomas Gardyner on the west, and the place of Robert Sutton, called helle, on the east (*voc' helle*), to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount, John Duddill, then

Bailiffs, Thomas Gardyner, Reginald Jacop, William Nagard, William Ayssh, Henry Brouks, and others. Dorchester, in the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin.

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73.

WILL OF ISABELLA, WIFE OF NICHOLAS HELIER.

At the Court held 27th June, 2 Henry IV. [1401], was exhibited the will of Isabella Dollyngt, dated 4 Id. April, 1401, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Nicholas Helier, my husband, my burgage in Dorchester, situate in Puselane, which I lately had by the grant of Nicholas Dollyngt, my father, to hold to the said Nicholas and his heirs, performing all duties, etc., to the King." In virtue of this will, Nicholas Helier was seised of the said burgage by the Bailiffs.

74.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM AYSSH.

Margery, formerly wife of John Spilewyn, of Milton Abb'is, in her pure widowhood grants to William Ayssh, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a tenement in Dorchester, which she had by the gift of the said John Spilewyn, situate in Frerenlane, between the tenement of Thomas Hillary, of Shirborn, on the north, and the tenement of Walter Hasard, of Dorchester, on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, John Duddill, John Blount, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Pulare, William Nagard, and many others. Dorchester, 2nd July, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin.

75.

RELEASE MADE TO WILLIAM AYSSH.

Alice, late the wife of Walter Mortymer, in her pure widowhood releases to William Ayssh in possession all right that she has in a tenement in Dorchester, situate on the north side of West Street, between the tenement formerly of the said Walter Mortymer on the west, and the tenement of John Duddill on the east. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, John Blount, John Duddill, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Wespray, Geoffrey Mose, Ralph Mersour, Thomas Gardyner, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 2 Henry IV. [1400].*

* After this the handwriting alters.

76.

CHARTER OF JOHN SYWARD, JOHN DUDDELL, AND OTHERS.

John Jurdan grants to John Syward, John Duddell, William Canyngton and John Wotton, clerks, and their heirs, a messuage and ten acres of land, with common of pasture to them belonging, in Pytthers Waddon, which were lately John Benet's, one messuage and one acre of land in Kyngeston Maureward, with common of pasture, two burgages in Dorchester, of which one is situate opposite the New Inn (*novi hospicij*) and one on the west of the tenement of William Pulhare. To hold of the chief lords of those fees. Witnesses, John Gouytz, William Drewe, William Martyn, John Waleys, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Pulhare, and others. Dorchester, 23rd June, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin in the burgages.

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CHARTER OF THOMAS GARDYNER.

Robert Grey, one of the executors of the will of Master Stephen Gylle, son and heir of Richard Gylle, reciting that the said Stephen bequeathed to John Weode, monk of Cerne, Robert Esbache, Bachelor in Laws, and to the grantor, all his burgages, lands and tenements in Dorchester, to sell them, and dispose of the proceeds for his soul, and that the said John and Robert have released to the grantor all their right, etc., now conveys to Thomas Gardyner, of Dorchester, and Petronilla, his wife, and the heirs of Thomas, a burgage in Dorchester, situate next the castle of the Friars Minors (*iuxta castrum fratrum minorum*), between the tenement of the said Thomas Gardyner on the south, and the tenement of John Perlee on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Duddell, John Blount, then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, William Nagard, John Skynner, Reginald Jacob, John Goolde, and many others. Dorchester, 9th July, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 79.)

78.

CHARTER OF JOHN THURSTEYN AND MARION, HIS WIFE.

William Aysshe, of Dorchester, grants to John Thursteyn, of Dorchester, and Marion, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the north

side of a lane which leads towards la Durnegate, between the tenement of Roger Crayse on the west, and the tenement of John Carpunter on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Duddill, John Blount, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Wespray, William Pulhare, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, Feast of St. Mathew, Apostle, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin.

79.

WILL OF STEPHEN GYLLE, CLERK.

At the Court held on Monday next before the feast of St. Mathew the Apostle, 2 Henry IV. [1401], was exhibited the will of Stephen Gylle, clerk, *vtriusque iuris professoris*, undated, and containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath my burgage in South Street, Dorchester, in which John Shirwode and his wife have long dwelt, to the said John Shirwod, and his wife my cousin, and their lawful children and heirs, provided that they pay 40 marks to my executors, otherwise the burgage to be sold to the highest bidder. All other lands and burgages in Dorchester to be sold, for the benefit of my soul, and the souls of my parents, brothers and sisters." (*Cf.* 77, 81, 96, 133, 134, 169, 173, 194, 195.)

WILLIAM PULHARE, JOHN BOMEL, } Bailiffs, 3 Henry IV. [1401-2].

80.

WILL OF ALICE LANGEMAN.

At a Court held at Dorchester, 10th October, 3 Henry IV. [1401], was exhibited the will of Alice Langeman, formerly wife of William Roper, dated 3rd February, 1392, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to William Roper, my husband, my tenement in Dorchester, situate on the west side of South Street, between the tenements of William Fytheler and of the Fraternity of St. Mary, of St. Peter's, Dorchester, to hold for ten years, so that he bring up and furnish my son, John Langeman, for that time in food, clothing and other necessaries, as in his indenture of apprenticeship is contained. The tenement then to remain to my son and the heirs of his body. If he die without such heirs, then to the said William and the children begotten between us." Livery of seisin.

81.

CHARTER OF JOHN DUDDELL AND JOHN DYBON.

Robert Grey grants to John Duddell, of Dorchester, and John Dybon, clerk, of Crys Churche, Twynham, and their heirs, a burgage in Dorchester, situate in South Street, between the tenements of the Abbot and Convent of Abbotesbury, on the north and the tenement of Ralph Mersour on the south, which burgage came to him and to Master Robert Esbache (executors of Master Stephen Gylle) upon the death of the said Stephen, by his bequest, and all claim in which Robert Esbache has released to the grantor, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, William Pulhare and John Bomell, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Ayssh, Robert Sutton, Thomas Gardyner, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Dionisius, 3 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 79.)

82.

CHARTER OF THE SAID J. DUDDELL AND J. DYBON CONCERNING THE SAME.

Robert Grey, reciting that Master Stephen, LL.D., had bequeathed to his executors a burgage in South Street (described as in the foregoing charter, except that the name of John Jewe is substituted for Ralph Mersour), to sell the same, etc., and that the other executors had released all claim, etc., now grants the same to John Duddell and John Dybon, clerk. Same witnesses and date as before. (*Cf.* 79, 81, 83.)

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83.

RELEASE MADE TO JOHN DUDDELL AND JOHN DYBON.

Robert Grey releases to John Duddell and John Dybon, all claim in the premises. Dorchester, Thursday next after the feast of St. Dionysius, 3 Henry IV. [1401]. The release declared before the Bailiffs in full Court. (*Cf.* 79, 81, 82.)

84.

CHARTER OF THOMAS COWDE, OF TOLPIDEL.

Nicholas Latimer, son and heir of William Latymer, grants to Thomas Cowde, of Tolpidel, and his heirs, a messuage with curtilage in Dorchester, situate in "Northstrete," between a tenement of Magota Diew, relict of Thomas Diew, and the

tenement of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomell, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Wespray, Reginald Jacob, John Skynner, Thomas Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, 10th October, 3 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin.

85.

CHARTER OF JOHN PHELIPOT, TANNER, OF CERNE.

William Ayssh, of Dorchester, grants to John Phelipot, Tanner, of Cerne, and his heirs, his tenement in Dorchester, situate on the east side of Frerenlane, between the tenements of Thomas Hillary, of Shirborne, on the north, and of Walter Hasard on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare and John Bomell, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Nagard, John Wespray, Reginald (*sic*), Thomas Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, 6th November, 3 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin.

86.

WILL OF JOHN FYUYAN.

At the Court at Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Martin, Bishop, 3 Henry IV. [1401], was exhibited the will of John Fyuyan, dated Saturday next after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 1401, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Sir (*d'no*) John Merchaunt, William Pulhare, John Duddill and Robert Quyntyn, of Estlolleworth, and their heirs, an annual rent of 12s., issuing from a burgage situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, which Walter Chiriel and Alice, his wife, hold of me for their lives. Also I bequeath to them a dovehouse in the said burgage, and the reversion of the burgage on the death of Walter and Alice, to hold of the King *in capite*, to dispose of for the souls of Fyuyan, my father, of Agnes Hamond, and of me. I bequeath to Agnes Tynham an annual rent of 6s. 8d. issuing from a tenement in Durnelane, and the reversion of the said tenement, which I lately acquired of the executors of John Syward, and which Robert Burlok and his wife hold of me for their lives, and I bequeath to the said Agnes one parcel of the curtilage of the said tenement, reserved to me by indenture, to hold of the King *in capite*, and to pay to the Lady of Brutford (*d'ne de Brutford*) 12d. yearly during the life of the said Lady. I

bequeath to Sir John Merchaunt, William Pulhare, John Duddill, and Robert Quyntyn, a tenement in Dorchester, situate in a corner, next Durnelane, which I lately acquired of William Fraunces. I bequeath to them a tenement in a corner *ex p'te ecclesie* of All Saints, which I lately acquired of the executors of Thomas Helier. I bequeath to them a tenement on the north side of East Street, lately bequeathed to me by Agnes Hamond, to hold the three of the King *in capite*, and dispose of them for my soul, for my father Is', and for Agnes Hamond's (*pro salute anime mee Fyuyan patris mei Is' et Agnetis Hammond*)." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 87, 90, 94, 433, 445.)

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87.

CHARTER OF HENRY PREST, OF FORDYNGTON.

John Merchaunt, clerk, William Pulhare, John Duddill and Robert Quyntyn, executors of the will of John Fyuyan, grant to Henry Prest, of Fordyngton, and his heirs, one tenement in Dorchester, situate in a certain corner next Durnelane, which they lately had by the bequest of John Fyuyan, and which the testator lately acquired of William Fraunces, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Peter Blount, John Blount, John Bomell, John Westpray, William Ayssh, John Jurdan, Henry Crauell, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Martin, Bishop, 3 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 86.)

88.

WILL OF SIMON BERDE.

At the Court, Dorchester, 20th February, 3 Henry IV. [1402], was exhibited the will of Simon Berde, dated Friday next after the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 1401, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Edith, my wife, and her heirs, my burgage in Westrete, Dorchester, situate between the burgage of Elinor, formerly wife of John Scryuayn, of Stratton, on the east, and the burgage of John Jurdan, junr., on the west, to hold of the King." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 42, 407, 466.)

89.

CHARTER OF JOHN GRYFFYN, OF MIDDELTON.

Margaret, relict of John Neel, in her widowhood grants to John Gryffyn, of Middelton, and his heirs, her burgage with curtilage in Dorchester, situate in Pusselane, between the tenement of Robert Portlond on the west, and the tenement late of John Fytheler on the east, bequeathed to her by John Neel, her late husband, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare and John Bomell, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Ayssh, John Blount, Thomas Gardyner, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Bertram, William Nagard, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next before the feast of St. Hillary, Bishop, 3 Henry IV. [1402]. Livery of seisin.

90.

CHARTER OF HENRY MYLSHAM, OSTELER, OF DORCHESTER, AND MARGARET, HIS WIFE.

The executors of the will of John Fyuyan grant to Henry Mylsham, Osteler, of Dorchester, and Margaret, his wife, and their heirs, a dovehouse situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, in a certain burgage which Walter Chyryell and Alice, his wife, hold of them for their lives. Also an annual rent of 12s., issuing from the said burgage, and the reversion of the burgage on the death of Walter and Alice, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Blount, John Bomell, William Ayssh, William Nagard, John Westpray, Thomas Bertram, William Adam, John Skynnere, and Ralph Merssor, and many others. Dorchester, Wednesday next after the feast of St. Martin, Bishop, 3 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin in the said dovehouse. (*Cf.* 86, 299.)

91.

CHARTER OF JOHN TOPYAS AND SCOLASTICA, HIS WIFE.

William atte Assche, of Dorchester, grants to John Topyas and Scolastica, his wife, and their heirs, a tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the west side of Durnelane, between the burgage of Nicholas Latymer on the south, and the burgage of Walter Cartere, Tanner, on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomell, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, Thomas Gardyner, William Nagard, William Adam,

John Westpray, Ralph Mersour, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Gregory, Pope, 3 Henry IV. [1402]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 170.)

92.

CHARTER OF THOMAS CORNYSSH, OF DORCHESTER, AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Robert Baker, of Dorchester, grants to Thomas Cornysshe, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement on the south side of Puselane, Dorchester, situate between the burgage of William Nagard on the east, and the tenement of Richard Stulle on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomyll, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, Reginald Jacob, William Nagard, Thomas Bertram, Geoffrey Mose, and others. Dorchester, 21st April, 3 Henry IV. [1402]. Livery of seisin.

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93.

CHARTER OF JOHN BELHOUS.

Thomas Rycheman, *alias* Belhous, of Dorchester (*alio cognomine dictus Belhous*) grants to John Rycheman, *alias* Belhous, his son, and Rose, the latter's wife, and their heirs, his burgage with curtilage in Dorchester, situate at the South Gate in South Street (*ad portam australem in vico australi ejusdem Burgi*), on the west side of the said street, between the bounds of the lord of Fordyngton on the south (*metas domini de Fordyngton*) and the burgage of John Bomyl, of Dorchester, on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhere and John Bomyl, then Bailiffs, Thomas Bertram, Reginald Jacob, John Westpray, Geoffrey Mose, Richard Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, 17th April, 3 Henry IV. [1402]. Livery of seisin.

94.

CHARTER OF WALTER CODMORE.

The executors of the will of John Fyuyan grant to Walter Codmore, Taylour, and his heirs, their tenement situate on the north side of East Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Master of Mayne (*Magistri de Mayne*) on the west, and the tenement of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the east, which the said John Fyuyan had by the bequest of Agnes

Hamond, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomel, second Bailiff (*altero ballivo*), Peter Blount, John Blount, William Ayssh, Thomas Gardyner, William Nagard, John Jurdan, and others. Dorchester, 26th May, 3 Henry IV. [1402]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 86, 358.)

95.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM LYTFOUTE.

Robert Belle, clerk, John Gouytz, and Robert Veel, executors of the will of John Syward, grant to William Lytfoute, and his heirs, their burgage situate on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of John Champion on the east, and the burgage of Simon Carpunter on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomel, then Bailiffs, John Duddill, Peter Blount, John Blount, John Westpray, John Jurdan, junr., and others. Dorchester, 8th October, 3 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 41. 104.)

96.

RELEASE MADE TO JOHN JURDAN.

Robert Grey, executor of the will of Master Stephen Gylle, releases to John Jurdan, junr., all right in a messuage with curtilage which he holds for life by demise of the said Master Stephen Gylle, in West Street, Dorchester. Witnesses, John Blount, William Pulhare, William Brys, John Shirwode, William Nagard, and others. Dorchester, 26th August, 3 Henry IV. [1402]. This release exhibited before the Bailiffs in full Court. (*Cf.* 79.)

97.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM PAILL.

John Payl, of Fordyngton, grants to William Payl, his son, his burgage with curtilage situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, in the parish of St. Peter, between the tenement of Richard Bertram on the south, and the grantor's tenement on the north, to hold to said William and Edith, his wife, and their heirs of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Duddill, John Blount, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Pulhare, William Nagard, Thomas Bertram, Reginald Jacob, John Westpray, Geoffrey Mose, Thomas Gardyner, Richard Bertram, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next before the feast of St. Laurence, Martyr, 2 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin.

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98.

CHARTER OF JOHN BRYMMER.

Thomas Hillary, of Shirborne, grants to John Brymmer, and his heirs, a messuage in Frerenlane, Dorchester, situate between the messuage of John Tannere, of Cerne, on the south, and the messuage of John Coude on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomell, Bailiffs, William Ayssh, Peter Blount, Thomas Gardener, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, 3 Henry IV. [1402]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 99.)

99.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

Thomas Hillary appoints William Ayssh and Henry Brouke his attorneys, to give seisin to John Brymmere. Same date as the Charter. (*Cf.* 98.)

100.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM COST, BOUCHER.

William Lytefout, of Dorchester, grants to William Cost, Boucher, and his heirs, his burgage situate on the north side of Ilnenelane, Dorchester, between the burgage of Thomas Gardyner on the east, and the burgage of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Thomas Bertram and John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Bomell, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next before the feast of St. Thomas, Apostle, 3 Henry IV. [1401]. Livery of seisin.

101.

CHARTER OF WALTER BOUERE AND SARAH, HIS WIFE.

Rose, formerly wife of William Fythelere, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to Walter Bouere and Sarah, his wife, and their heirs, her burgage situate on the west side of South Street, between the burgage of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the south, and the burgage of Richard Lange-

man on the north, paying accustomed dues to the King. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Bertram, John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Ayssh, John Wespray, John Blount, John Dodell, William Pulhare, Ralph Mersour, Thomas Gardyner, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next before the feast of St. Luke Evangelist, 4 Henry IV. [1402]. Livery of seisin.

102.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BURLOK.

Richard Bokke grants to Robert Burlok, Taylor, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his burgage situate on the north side of Durnelane, between the burgage of John Carpunter on the west, and the burgage of John Drue on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Skynnere, Thomas Bertram, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, John Wespray, John Blount, William Nagard, Ralph Mersour, Thomas Gardyner, Reginald Jacob, and others. Dorchester, 3rd April, 4 Henry IV [1403]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 356, 357.)

103.

CHARTER OF RICHARD JON, CLERK, AND JOHN SKYNNERE.

Thomas Bertram and Joan, his wife, grant to Richard Jon, clerk, and John Skynnere, and their heirs, their tenement situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the grantors' tenement on the south, and the tenement of John Pail on the north, in which Richard Bertram, their son, now dwells, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Duddill, Ralph Mersour, John Jurdan, junr., and others. Dorchester, Sunday next after the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 4 Henry IV. [1403]. Livery of seisin. [*Cf.* 105.]

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104.

WILL OF WILLIAM LYTEFOTE.

At the Court held at Dorchester Monday next after the feast of St. Augustine, 4 Henry IV. [1403], was exhibited the will of William Lytefote, dated 17th May, 1403, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Cristina, my wife, my tenement situate in West Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of John Blount and John Champion, to hold for her life of the

King *in capite*, and after her decease to remain to John Goldsmyth, his heirs, etc., to be disposed of for our souls." Livery of seisin to Cristina. (*Cf.* 95, 270.)

105.

CHARTER OF RICHARD BERTRAM AND EDITH, HIS WIFE.

Richard Jon, clerk, and John Skynnere by indenture grant to Richard Bertram and Edith, his wife, and the heirs of the body of Richard, their tenement situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of Thomas Bertram on the south, and John Pail on the north, which the grantors lately had by the feoffment of Thomas Bertram and Joan his wife, to hold of the King *in capite*. If Richard should die without such heirs, then the tenement to remain to Robert, brother of Richard, and his like heirs; should Robert die, without such heirs in the lifetime of Thomas and Joan, his father and mother, the tenement to remain to the said Thomas and Joan, and the heirs of Thomas, to be sold, for the souls of Thomas, Joan, Richard and Robert. [Other contingencies provided for.] Warranty. Witnesses, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Aysh, William Pulhare, John Duddill, Ralph Mersour, John Jurdan, junr., and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 4 Henry IV. [1403]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 103.)

106.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM PEUEREL, JOHN BEST, CLERK, AND WILLIAM SPYNEY.

John Manndeware, of Mukelford, grants to William Peuerel, John Best, parson of the church of Bradeforde Peuerel, and William Spyney, and their heirs, his tenement situate on the south side of a lane which leads from South Street, Dorchester, to Durnegate, between the tenement of Ralph Mersour on the west, and the close, formerly of John Syward, senr., on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Also all his goods and chattels moveable and immoveable, live or dead, in the county of Dorset, to them and their assigns. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Bertram, John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, John Westpray, Geoffrey Mose, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Gardynere, William Adam, and many others. Dorchester, 4th October, 4 Henry IV. [1402]. Livery of seisin.

107.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BAILLY AND EMMOTA, HIS WIFE.

Robert Belle, clerk, John Gouytz and Robert Veel, executors of the will of John Syward, senr., grant to Thomas Bailly and Emmota, his wife, and their heirs, a burgage situate on the north side of Westret, Dorchester, between the burgages of William atte Nassh on the east, and of Thomas Skynnere on the west, to hold of the King. Witnesses, Thomas Bertram and John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, John Jurdan, John Duddell, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of the Annunciation B.V.M., 4 Henry IV. [1403]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 41.)

108.

RELEASE TO JOHN JURDAN, JUNR.

John Hart releases to John Jurdan, junr., all right, etc., in two messuages situate in South Street, Dorchester, Witnesses, Thomas Bertram and John Skynnere, William Ayssh, John Duddill, William Pulhare, and others. Dorchester, 1st January, 4 Henry IV. [1403]. Declared in full Court. (*Cf.* 109.)

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109.

CHARTER OF JOHN SKYNNERE AND OTHERS.

John Jurdan, junr., grants to John Skynnere, Henry Crauell, and John Shirwod in mortgage two messuages in South Street, Dorchester, which he lately had by the gift of John Hart, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Thomas Bertram, then Bailiff, William Ayssh, Peter Blount, John Blount, John Duddill, John Westpray, William Pulhare and others. Dorchester, 20th January, 4 Henry IV. [1403]. If the said John Hart pay £10 13s. 4d. within two years, in sums of two marks every term, the present writing and livery of seisin to be void. (*Cf.* 108.)

110.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BAKER.

William Dru, of Kyngeston, in the Isle of Wight, grants to Thomas Baker, of Dorchester, and his heirs his tenement on the south side of High East Street, Dorchester, which

he held by the bequest of Thomas Helier, of Dorchester, situate between the tenement of the Abbot of Bynedon on the east, and the tenement of the said Thomas Heliere in a certain corner, on the west, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Andrew Dru, Gilbert Dyngele, John Veer, William Vrry, John Bolt, and many others. Kyngeston, 9th September, 4 Henry IV. [1403]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 111, 385, 401, 436, 437, 438, 463, 464.)

111.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY.

William Dru appoints John Duddil and William Pokeswell his attorneys, to give seisin to Thomas Baker. Same witnesses and date as in the Charter. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

112.

CHARTER OF JOHN BEST AND OTHERS.

John Duddill, of Dorchester, grants to John Best, clerk, Robert Baker, of Dorchester, William Pulhare, William Ayssh, and their heirs, a tenement on the north side of West Street, between the tenements of William Ayssh on the west, and of John Sterthull on the east; also a tenement on the north side of West Street, between the tenements of Robert Boneuyle on the east, and of Thomas Skynnere on the west; also a tenement on the north side of la Vlnenelane, late of Henry Duddill, his father, all in Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Bertram, John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Nagard, Henry Crauell, Thomas Gardyner, and many others. Dorchester, Sunday next before the feast of St. Michael, Archangel, 4 Henry IV. [1403]. Livery of seisin.

113.

CHARTER OF HENRY CRAUELL AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

John Tomelyn, clerk, and John Morton, junr., grant to Henry Crauel and Alice, his wife, and their lawful issue, their burgage in Dorchester, situate between the tenements of Henry Brouk on the south, and of John Clerk on the north, in the east part of the way which leads towards the Friars Minors of Dorchester, which the grantors lately had by the feoffment of the said Henry, to hold of the chief lords of the

fee. If the grantees die without such heirs, then the burgage to remain to the right heirs of the said Alice. Dorchester, 9th December, 4 Henry IV. [1402]. Witnesses, Thomas Bertram, John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Duddel, John Blount, William Pulhare, John Westpray, William Adam and many others. Livery of seisin.

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JOHN SKYNNERE, ROBERT BAKERE, } Bailiffs, 6 Henry IV. [1404-5].

114.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM ARTOUR.

John Phelipot, tanner, of Cerne Abb'is, grants to William Artour, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his tenement situate on the east side of Frerenlane, Dorchester, between the tenements of Walter Hasard on the south, and of John Bremmour on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, Richard Bertram, then Bailiffs, William Asshe, John Skynnere, Ralph Mersour, John Bomel, Geoffrey Mose, and many others. Dorchester, in the Vigil of St. Bartholomew, 5 Henry IV. [1404]. Livery of seisin.

115.

WILL OF JOHN CHILDECOMB, OF TOLPUDEL.

At the Court held at Dorchester, Monday, 13th October, 6 Henry IV. [1404], was exhibited the will of John Childecomb, of Tolpudele, dated 1st July, 1404, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Joan, my wife, my place in Dorchester, situate in East Street, on the south side of highway, between the tenement of the Master of Mayne on the east, and the tenement late of John Cotel on the west, for her life, paying the dues to the lord of the fee, and after her death to remain to Walter, my son, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, failing these to Alice, my daughter, and her like heirs, and failing these to the right heirs of the aforesaid Alice for ever." Livery of seisin.

116.

CHARTER OF WILLIELMA, DAUGHTER OF JOHN DAUY.

John Dauy, of Dorchester, grants to Willielma, his daughter, and her heirs, the reversion, after his death, of a burgage in Dorchester, situate on the east side of South Street,

between the tenement of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary, in St. Peter's Church, on the north, and the tenement of Henry Ostyler on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Baker, John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Asshe, John Blount, John Bomyl, Henry Crauell, and many others. Dorchester, Sunday next after the feast of St. Leonard, 6 Henry IV. [1404].

117.

WILL OF NICHOLAS HELYER.

At the Court held at Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. Katharine, Virgin, 6 Henry IV. [1404], was exhibited the will of Nicholas Helyer, dated 4th July, 1404, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Robert Deuenesshire and Joan his wife, and their heirs, my burgage in Puzelane, Dorchester, which I had by grant of Isabella Collyngs, my wife, paying accustomed dues to the King." Livery of seisin.

118.

CHARTER OF WALTER CARTERE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Jurdan, senr., and Margery, his wife, grant to Walter Cartere and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, a burgage on the north side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the burgages of Nicholas Coker on the west, and of John Shudde on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Robert Baker, John Skynnere, Bailiffs, William Ayssh, John Blount, William Nagard, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Gardynere, John Bouer, Henry Crauel, John North, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday in the feast of the Epiphany, 6 Henry IV. [1404]. Livery of seisin.

119.

CHARTER OF ROBERT CROKKER.

William Chuse and Alice, his wife, grant to Robert Crokker and his heirs their tenement on the east side of High South Street (*in alto Vico Australi*), Dorchester, between the tenement of Thomas Faryngdon on the south, and the tenement which Stephen Russell lately held on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Should the said Robert be impleaded at any time by them concerning the premises, it shall be lawful for him and his heirs, to enter and hold the grantors' tenement on the south side of the cemetery of All Saints to the value

of the aforesaid tenement in High South Street. Seal of t Bailiffs. Witnesses, Robert Baker, John Skynnere, Baili William Pulhare, William Ayssh, Ralph Mersour, John We pray, John Jurdan, and others. Dorchester, penultimate December, 6 Henry IV. [1404]. Livery of seisin.

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120.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE PRECEDING CHARTER.

William Chuse and Alice, his wife, make John Jurd and John Crokker their attorneys, to deliver seisin to Robe Crokker in the aforesaid tenement.

121.

CHARTER OF JOHN BOMEL.

The four executors of John Syward, senr., grant to Jol Bomel and his heirs a burgage with curtilage, situate on tl east side of South Strete, Dorchester, between the teneme of John Westpray on the south, and Durnelane, as it reach to the tenement lately John Frome's (*sicut se extendit usq tenementum nuper Johannis Frome*), which they lately ha by the bequest of John Syward, to hold of the King. Witnesse Robert Baker, John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, William Aysl John Westpray, John Gile, Geoffrey Mose, William Adan and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of tl Annunciation B.V.M., 6 Henry IV. [1405]. Livery of seisi (*Cf.* 41.)

122.

RELEASE OF PETER GOLDSMYTH AND SCOLASTICA, HIS WIF

John Nagard, *dictus* Webbe, releases to Peter Goldsmytl of Dorchester, and Scolastica, his wife, all his estate in a burgag in Dorchester, situate in Market Street (*in vico mercato* between the burgage of the grantees and the fabric of th Prior of St. John of Dorchester, in which burgage Joan, lat wife of the grantor, and sister of the said Scolastica, was wit her seised to her and the heirs of her body by the bequest c John Godestard, father of the said Joan and Scolastica, whic estate in the said burgage by reason of issue begotten betwee him and Joan, the grantor holds by courtesy of Englanc to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Robert Bake John Skynnere, Bailiffs, William Ayssh, Peter Blount, Willia Pulhare, John Jurdan, William Nagard, and many other Dorchester, 18th November, 6 Henry IV. [1404]. Liver of seisin. (*Cf.* 124.)

123.

CHARTER OF JOHN ROW.

John Brymmere, of Dorchester, grants to John Row, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a tenement situate on the east side of Frerenlane in Dorchester, between the tenement formerly John Wedon's on the north, and the tenement of William Artour on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Baker and John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, Ralph Mersour, John Blount, John Bomel, Reginald Jacob, Henry Broke, and many others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. James, 6 Henry IV. [1405]. Livery of seisin.

124.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE CHARTER ABOVE.

John Nagard, *dictus* Webbe, constitutes John Buysshop, of Fordyngton, his attorney to deliver seisin to Peter Goldesmyth, of Dorchester, and Scolastica, his wife, in a burgage in Market Street (*in vico mercato*), Dorchester. Dorchester, 18th November, 6 Henry IV. [1404]. (*Cf.* 122.)

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125.

CHARTER OF ROBERT VEEL AND ANOTHER.

John Kete, of Dorchester, grants to Robert Veel and Walter Gyle, and their heirs, a burgage with curtilage, situate on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary, on the west, and the tenement of Robert Heryng, formerly of Robert Brut, on the east, which burgage he had together with his late wife, Rose, deceased, by grant of William Ayssh, of Dorchester, to hold of the King. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Baker, John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Westpray, William Nagard, John Gyle, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the Annunciation B.V.M., 6 Henry IV. [1405]. Livery of seisin.

126.

CHARTER OF JOHN ROGER.

The three executors of the will of John Syward, senr., grant to John Roggere, of Brydeport, and his heirs their burgage with curtilage and dovehouse in the latter, which burgage

is situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of John Westpray on the north and the chapel formerly of St. Rowald (*capellam quondam Sancti Rowaldi*) on the south, and the curtilage lies between the tenement of John Skynnere on the east, and the tenement formerly of John Manndeware on the west, and extends towards the north as far as Durnelane, and towards the south as far as the arable land of les Estwalles (*usque terram arabilem de les Estwalles*), also their burgage in Melcombe Regis called Gowerys-place, all which they had by bequest of John Syward, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Robert Baker, John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, John Westpray, John Blount, Reginald Jacob, Richard Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, in the vigil of the Nativity B.V.M., 6 Henry IV. [1405]. Livery of seisin of burgages in Dorchester. (*Cf.* 41, 324, 325, 344, 345).

127.

CHARTER OF RICHARD TURKE.

William Adam, Smyth, and Alice his wife, grant to Richard Tourke, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a place of land in Dorchester, opposite the croft of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester, between the place of John Lyps on the west, and the place late of William Jurdan, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Baker and John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, William Assche, William Pulhare, John Blount, William Nagard, Thomas Gardynere, Reginald Jacob, and many others. Dorchester, in the feast of St. George, 6 Henry IV. [1405]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 352, 355.)

128.

CHARTER OF JOHN PLOMERE.

John Bomyl, of Dorchester, grants to John Plomere, of Dorchester, and Edith, his wife, and their heirs his tenement situate on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Walter Chyryhull on the north, and of John Belhous on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Baker, John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, John Blount, William Pulare, William Nagard, Geoffrey Mose, Ralph Mersour, and many others. Dorchester, 11th April, 6 Henry IV. [1405]. Livery of seisin.

129.

CHARTER OF HENRY CRAUEL, ETC.

Henry Cartere, Tannere, of Dorchester, grants to Henry Crauell and Alice, his wife, and their heirs his tenement with curtilage, situate on the west side of Frerenlane, Dorchester, between tenements of the Abbot of Middleton on the south, and the tenement late of John Clerk, of Burton, on the north, rendering rent, etc., to the King. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Baker and John Skynnere, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Gardynere, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Blount, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the morrow of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 6 Henry IV. [1405]. Livery of seisin.

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WILLIAM AYSSH, JOHN JURDAN, } Bailiffs, 7 Henry IV. [1405-6].

130.

WILL OF JOHN CARPUNTERE.

At the Court held at Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Dionisius, Martyr, 7 Henry IV. [1405], was exhibited the will of John Carpuntere, of Dorchester, dated 20th June, 1405, containing, *inter alia*, " I bequeath to Joan, my daughter, and her heirs, my burgage situate in Durnelane, Dorchester, between the tenements of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester, on the east, and of Julian Drau on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Should she die without lawful issue, the burgage to be sold, and distribution to be made for my soul and the soul of Cristina, my wife. I bequeath to Emma, my wife, and her heirs, a burgage in Durnelane between the burgage of Robert Burlok on the east, and the tenement of the Prior of St. John on the west." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 143, 234.)

131.

CHARTER OF JOHN PURY AND ELINORE, HIS WIFE.

Robert Deuenesshire, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, grant to John Pyry and Alinore, his wife, and the heirs of John their tenement on the north side of Puselane, Dorchester, between the tenements of William Nagard on the west, and of Ralph Mersour on the east, which the grantors lately had by

the bequest of Nicholas Helyer, of Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Ayssh, John Jurdan, then Bailiffs, Robert Baker, John Skynnere, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Baker, John Bomel, and others. Dorchester, 4th January, 7 Henry IV. [1406]. Livery of seisin.

132.

WILL OF PETER BLOUNT.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, last day of February, 7 Henry IV. [1406], was exhibited the will of Peter Blount, of Dorchester, dated 29th August, 1404, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Isabella, my wife, and her heirs my tenement, situate opposite the cross which leads towards the Friars Minors (*ex opposito cruci que ducit versus Fratres Minores*) in a corner of a certain lane in Dorchester, called Puselane, on the north of the same lane, and at the eastern end, which tenement I had by the feoffment of Robert Sutton. Also my tenement, situate between my aforesaid tenement on the east, and the tenement of Thomas Gardynere on the west, which I had by the feoffment of Edward Chipman. Also my tenement on the north side (*sic*) of High North Street, which leads towards the Friars Minors, between the tenement of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the west, and the tenement of Henry Broke on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin.

133.

CHARTER OF WALTER BOUER AND OTHERS.

Thomas Gardyner, of Dorchester, grants to Walter Bouer, John Bomel and William Rose, and their heirs, three tenements in Dorchester which he had by the grant of John Stul, son and heir of John Stul, Cristina, wife of Richard Sadeler, and Robert Grey, one of the executors of the will of Master Stephen Gylle, son and heir of Richard Gille, the first of which, by grant of John Stul, is situate on the north of Pusselane, between the place of William Du on the west, and the place of Isabella Blount, relict of Peter Blount, on the east. The second and third, by grant of Cristina, wife of Richard Sadeler, and Robert Grey are situate next the castle of the Friars Minors (*juxta castrum Fratrum Minorum*), between the tenements of Henry Broke on the south, and of Hugh Deuerel on the north; to hold these three *burgages* of the King *in*

capite. Warranty. Witnesses, William Assche, John Jurdan, then Bailiffs, John Blount, William Nagard, John Skynner, Reginald Jacob, Richard Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, 20th July, 7 Henry IV. [1406]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 77, 134.)

134.

CHARTER OF THOMAS GARDYNER AND PETRONILLA, HIS WIFE.

Walter Bouer, John Bomel, and William Rose grant to Thomas Gardiner, of Dorchester, and Petronilla, his wife, and their heirs, their three burgages in Dorchester, which they lately had by the grant of the said Thomas Gardiner (etc., as in the preceding charter). Witnesses, William Ayssh, John Jurdan, senr., then Bailiffs, John Blount, Reginald Jacob, John Westpray, John Skynner, Henry Brouc, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday in the feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, 7 Henry IV. [1406]. Livery of seisin.

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WILLIAM NAGARD, GEOFFREY MOSE, } Bailiffs, 8 Henry IV. [1406-7].

135.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BONDE.

Robert Baker, of Dorchester, grants to Thomas Bounde, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his tenement on the south of Puselane, between the tenement of Richard Styyl on the west, and the place of William Nagard on the east, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, William Nagard, Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, John Blount, John Skynnere, Richard Bertram, John Bomyl, John Goolde, and many others. Dorchester, Sunday next after the feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, 8 Henry IV. [1407].

136.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM HORE.

Cristina, relict of John Godrigge, of Brideport, in her pure widowhood grants to William Hore of Brideport, and his heirs, a messuage called Stenynhouse with curtilage on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Nicholas Pires on the west, and of Henry Coupere on the east, to hold of the lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses,

Geoffrey Mose and William Nagard, Bailiffs, William atte Nasch, Reginald Jacob, Ralph Chepman, and many others. Dorchester, Thursday next after the feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop, 8 Henry IV. [1406]. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 137, 421, 422.)

137.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

Cristina, relict of John Goderigge, of Bridport, constitutes William Tracy her attorney, to deliver seisin to William Hore. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop, 8 Henry IV. [1406]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

138.

WILL OF HENRY CHILDE.

At the Court, Monday, 17th April, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. was exhibited the will of Henry Childe, dated Tuesday next before the feast of St. George, 1406, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Cristina, my wife, and her heirs, my burgage situate on the north side of a lane which leads towards la Durnegate, between the burgage of Henry Russell and the burgage late of Henry Sherard, rendering thence annually to the church of All Saints, Dorchester, 6d., and accustomed rents, etc., to the King." Livery of seisin.

139.

WILL OF WALTER HELYER, TANNER.

At the Court, Dorchester, 17th April, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. was exhibited the will of Walter Helyer, Tannere, dated 18th August, 1406, containing, *inter alia*, "I give to Alice, my wife, and her heirs a burgage situate on the east side of Frerenlane, between a tenement formerly of John Wedon on the south, and the burgage which I lately had by grant of Thomas Tolet on the north. I bequeath to John, my son, and his lawful issue, a burgage situate in the same lane, which I lately had by grant to Thomas Tolet, between the burgage of William Artour on the north, the burgage which I lately had by grant of John Hayward and Scolastica, his wife, on the south; rendering accustomed rents to the King. In default of such issue to remain to Alice my wife for her life, and then to be disposed of in celebrating Masses for my soul in the church of All Saints." Livery of seisin.

140.

CHARTER OF JOHN SKYNNER AND ANOTHER.

Robert Clerc and Alice, his wife, lately wife of Walter Hasard, grant to John Skynnere and Robert Bertram, and their heirs, their burgage situate on the east side of Frerenlane, Dorchester, which the said Walter lately bequeathed to her, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Nagard and Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Skynnere, John Westpray, John Jurdan, and others. Dorchester, 20th April, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 141.)

141.

CHARTER OF ROBERT CLERC AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

John Skynnere and Robert Bertram grant to Robert Clerc and Alice, his wife, and their heirs, their burgage in Frerenlane, which they lately had by feoffment of the said Robert and Alice, to hold of the King *in capite*. Dorchester, 26th April, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Witnesses, William Nagard and Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Blount, John Westpray, John Jurdan, and others. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 140.)

142.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM FORDE.

William Peuerel, lord of Bradeford Peuerel (*dominus de Bradeford Peuerel*), grants to William Forde, son of Walter Forde, of Weymouth, and his heirs, his tenement with curtilage situate on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of Walter Blecche on the east, and the tenement formerly of William Duluerton on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Dorchester, 10th March, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Witnesses, William Nagard and Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, William Pullare, Robert Baker, Walter Blecche, William Walyssh, John Goulde, and many others. (*Cf.* 152.)

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143.

CHARTER OF RICHARD BERTELOT AND ANOTHER.

Richard Burgeis and Ema, his wife, late wife of John Carpenter, of Dorchester, grant to Richard Bertlot, clerk, and Robert Stoury, and their heirs, their burgage in Dorchester,

.tuate next la Durnegate, between the burgages of Robert Burlok on the east, and of the Prior of St. John on the west, ıtely bequeathed by the said John to the said Ema, and which he gave to the said Richard Burgeis, while she was single *dum sola fuit*), to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. ealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, William Nagard and Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, John Blount, ohn Westpray, Reginald Jacob, John Jurdan, jun., and others. Dorchester, 12th February, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Livery of eisin. (*Cf.* 130, 234.)

144.

WILL OF RALPH MERSOUR.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of Nativity of St. John Baptist, 8 Henry IV. [1407], was exhibited the will of Ralph Mersour, dated 12th January, 1406, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath all my lands and tenements in Dorchester, all my estate in any lands or tenements there, to Agatha, my wife, and her heirs, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin.

145.

CHARTER OF JOHN TOMEKYN AND ANOTHER.

John Pury and Agatha, his wife, grant to John Tomekyn, clerk, and John Gyle, and their heirs, their burgage in Dorchester, situate opposite the church of Holy Trinity, between the tenements of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the west, and of the Abbot of Abbotesbury on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Nagard and Geoffrey Mose, Bailiffs, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Blount, John Wespray, John Jurdan, and others. Dorchester, 10th July, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 146, 280.)

146.

CHARTER OF JOHN PURY AND AGATHA, HIS WIFE.

John Tomkyn, clerk, and John Gyle, grant to John Pury and Agatha, his wife, and their heirs, the burgage which they had by the feoffment of the said John and Agatha, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses (as above). Dorchester, 20th August, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Livery of seisin. The date has been altered. (*Cf.* 145, 280.)

147.

CHARTER OF ROBERT GREY AND OTHERS.

Robert Grenelif, of Dorchester, grants to Robert Grey, John Best, clerk, Richard Bertelet, clerk, and John Skynnere and their heirs his messuage or burgage with curtilage, which he now inhabits, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William atte Nasshe, Reginald Jacob, William Nagard, John Blount, John Westpray, and others. Dorchester, 1st August, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 148.)

148.

RELEASE MADE TO JOHN BEST AND OTHERS.

William Strode, of Pudelton, releases to the aforenamed grantees all right in the messuage which they had by the feoffment of Robert Baker (*sic*), and which formerly belonged to Auice Chiltern, mother of the said William Strode. Witnesses, William Nagard and Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, Thomas Mere, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and others. Dorchester, 21st August, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. (*Cf.* 147.)

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149.

CHARTER OF JOHN CHURCHEHULL AND MARGERIE, HIS WIFE.

John Crokker, of Maydone Newton, sen., grants to John Churchehull, of Waddon, and Margerie, his wife, and the heirs of John Churchehull, a burgage with curtilage in "Westret," Dorchester, situate between burgages of Richard Turke and John Champion, to hold of the chief lord of the fee, rendering annually to the grantor a rose at the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist. Warranty. Witnesses, Geoffrey Mose, William Nagard, Bailiffs, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Westpray, Robert Baker, Richard Bertram, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next after the Annunciation B.V.M., 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Livery of seisin.

150.

WILL OF JOHN MERCHAUNT.

At the Court, 20th July, 8 Henry IV. [1407], was exhibited the will of John Merchaunt, dated 12th May, 1407, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Cristina Childes, and her heirs, my place with curtilage on the east side of North Street,

Dorchester, which leads towards la Northgate, between the tenements of Cristina Roles on the south, and of John Nicholas on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*, on the condition that she dispose of xx*s*. for the welfare of my soul." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 153.)

151.

CHARTER OF JOHN BARBOUR.

John Barbour, *alias dictus* Nicolas, and Beatrix, his wife, grant to Richard Bertlot, clerk, and Robert Baker, of Dorchester, and their heirs, their tenement in Dorchester, situate on the east side of North Street, which leads towards Glydepath, between the place of the Abbot of Abbotisbury on the north, and the place formerly of John Merchant on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Nagard, Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, William Pulare, John Blount, John Skynnere, John Bomyl, John Goolde, and many others. Dorchester, 17th August, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 155.)

152.

RELEASE TO WILLIAM FORDE.

John Best, clerk, releases to William Forde, son of Walter Forde, of Weymouth, all right in a tenement on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of Walter Blecche on the east, and the tenement formerly of William Diluerton on the west. Dorchester, 10th March, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. Witnesses, William Nagard, and Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, John Blount, William Pullare, Robert Baker, John Plamere, John Gould, and many others. (*Cf.* 142.)

JOHN GYLE, JOHN JURDAN, } Bailiffs, 9 Henry IV. [1407-8].

153.

CHARTER OF JOHN DON AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

Cristina, formerly wife of Henry Child, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to John Dun, of Dorchester, and Agnes, his wife, and the heirs of John, her place with curtilage, situate on the east side of North Street, Dorchester, which leads towards Glydepatth,* between the tenements of

* In the Will of John Merchant (No. 150) this street is called "the North Street which leads towards la North Gate."

John Barbour, *alias* Nicolas, on the north, and of Cristina Roles on the south, which place she lately had by bequest of John Merchaunt, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Gyle, John Jurdan, then Bailiffs, Robert Baker, John Blount, Reginald Jacob, John Skynnere, John Bomyl, and many others. Dorchester, 8th January, 9 Henry IV. (*Cf.* 150.)

154.

CHARTER OF STEPHEN HELYER.

Emma, late wife of Edward Chipman, grants to Stephen Helyer and his heirs her burgage in South Street, Dorchester, situate between the tenements of Richard Gower on the south, and of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Jurdan, John Rawlys (*sic*), then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, Robert Baker, John Skynnere, John Bomel. William Ayssh, John Westpray, and others. Dorchester, 6th October, 9 Henry IV. [1407].

155.

CHARTER OF JOHN BARBOUR, *alias dict.* NICOLAS.

Richard Bertlot, clerk, and Robert Baker, of Dorchester, grant to John Barbour, *alias dictus* Nicolas, of Dorchester, and his heirs, their tenement situate on the east side of North Street, which leads towards Glidepath, between the place formerly John Merchant's, on the south, and the place of the Abbot of Abbotesbury on the north, which they lately had by feoffment of the said John and Beatrix, his wife, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, William Nagard and Geoffrey Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Skynnere, William Ayssh, John Bomel, John Gyle, and others. Dorchester, 17th September, 8 Henry IV. [1407]. (*Cf.* 151.)

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156.

WILL OF WALTER CARTERE.

At the Court, Monday in the feast of St. George, 9 Henry IV. [1408], was exhibited the will of Walter Cartere, dated 8th April, 1405, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Joan, my wife, for her life, a messuage in Dorchester, situate in Durnelane, between the tenements of John Thopias on the south, and of Henry Crauell on the north, after her decease

to remain to Richard, my son, and his lawful issue, and failing these, to Alice, my daughter, and her heirs." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 176.)

157.

CHARTER OF EDWARD FOUL AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Muster, clerk, son and heir of Thomas Muster, of Dorchester, grants to Edward Foul and Joan, his wife, and to the heirs of Edward, his tenement situate on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of the Abbot of Byndon on the east, and of Richard Dure on the west, to hold (with the curtilage) of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Jurdan, John Gyle, then Bailiffs, William de Ayssh, John Blount, William Pulhare, William Nagard, Reginald Jacob, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Matthias, Apostle. (*Cf.* 363.)

158.

CHARTER OF JOHN WESTPRAY AND MATILDA, HIS WIFE.

William Cost, Boucher, of Dorchester, grants to John Westpray and Matilda, his wife, and their heirs, their burgage in Dorchester, situate on the north side of Ilnenelane, between the burgages of Thomas Gardiner on the east, and of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester, on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Jurdan, sen., John Gyle, then Bailiffs, William Assche, William Polhare, William Nagard, Reginald Jacob, William Adam, John Bomell, Henry Crauell, and many others. Dorchester, Saturday next before the feast of St. John Baptist, 9 Henry IV. [1408].

159.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM FORDE.

William Aysshe and Alianore, his wife, grant to William Forde, of Dorchester, and his heirs their tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the west side of South Street, between the tenement late of Thomas Bertram on the south, and the tenement of John Penne on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Gyle and John Jurdan, then Bailiffs, John Westpray, Richard Bertram, John Skynnere, Henry Crauel, Geoffrey Mose, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the Epiphany, 9 Henry IV. [1408].

160.

CHARTER OF JOHN RUSSEL AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

William Peuerel, John Best, Rector of the church of Bradeford Peuerel, and William Spyney, grant to John Russel, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of John, their tenement in Dorchester on the south side of a lane which leads from South Street to Durnegate, between a tenement formerly Ralph Mersour's on the west, and the close, formerly John Roger's, of Brideport, on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Gyle, John [surname omitted], sen., then Bailiffs, William Assche, Robert Baker, John Skynner, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, and many others. Dorchester, in the vigil of St. Margaret, 9 Henry IV. [1408].

161.

CHARTER OF WALTER CODMORE.

Stephen Malpe and Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of Adam Chaloner and Beatrix, his wife, grant to Walter Codmore and his heirs their tenement on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of John Hart on the south, and of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the north, which formerly belonged to the said Adam and Beatrix, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, John Gyle and John Jurdan, sen., then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Blounte, John Bomel, Reginald Jacob, and others. And for greater security, in full Court, Monday next before the feast of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, 9 Henry IV. [1408], before the Bailiffs, and John Jurdan, jun., Steward of the said Court, the said Alice releases all her right in the premises to the said Walter, for which acknowledgment and final concord he has given me 100 sh. (*Cf.* 271.)

162.

RELEASE OF JOHN BOMEL.

Josia, late wife of William Tynham, daughter and heir of William Frere, in her pure widowhood releases to John Bomel, of Dorchester, in possession and to his heirs, all her right in two burgages in Dorchester, situate on the east side of la Southstrete, between the tenement of John Westpray on the south and Durnelane on the north, which the said William, her late husband, formerly granted to John

Syward and his heirs, which estate John Bomel now has, and which formerly belonged to William Frere, her father. Warranty, with a proviso. Witnesses, John Gyle, John Jurdan, sen., then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Hugh Deuerell, Thomas Mere, John Chyuerell, John Jurdan, jun., and others. Dorchester, 2nd April, 9 Henry IV. [1408]. (*Cf.* 163.)

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163.

RELEASE OF JOHN BOMEL.

William Tynham, son and heir of William Tynham, and Josia, his wife, release to John Bomel, of Dorchester, all right in the two burgages named in the preceding release. Warranty with proviso. Witnesses, as before. Dorchester, 3rd April, 9 Henry IV. [1408]. (*Cf.* 162.)

HENRY CRAUEL, JOHN GOULD, } Bailiffs, 10 Henry IV. [1408-9].

164.

CHARTER OF ROGER COUK.

Petronilla Gardiner, relict of Thomas Gardiner, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to Roger Coke, of Cerne, and his heirs, her tenement on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of William Grenelyf on the south and of William Adam on the north, rendering annually to the Wardens (*Custodibus*) of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in St. Peter's church, Dorchester, 12 pence in quarterly payments, and accustomed rents to the King. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauel, John Goold, then Bailiffs, William Asshe, William Pulare, Robert Baker, John Wespray, John Bomel, and others. Dorchester, 2nd March, 10 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 168.)

165.

WILL OF JOHN SKYNNERE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next after Hokkeday, 10 Henry IV. [1409], was exhibited the will of John Skynner, dated 3rd January, 1408, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Alice, my wife, and her heirs, my place in Dorchester called la Pentys, situate in a certain corner opposite the corner of the Abbot of Cerne, on the south side of High Street, containing 26 feet in length, and 8 feet in breadth, to hold of the King *in capite*. Also my burgage with curtilage, which burgage

is situate on the south side of the lane which leads from South Street towards la Durnelane, between the burgages formerly of John Syward on the west, and the burgage of the Prior of Christ Church on the east, to hold as above." (*Cf.* 41, 53, 382, 388).

166.

CHARTER OF RICHARD BARTLET, CLERK, AND ROBERT STOURY.

Henry Tanner, of Dorchester, grants to Richard Bertelot, clerk, and Robert Stourey, of Dorchester, and their heirs, his tenement situate opposite the church of All Saints, Dorchester, between the tenements of Walter Bouer on the east and of Richard Nagard on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauel, John Gould, then Bailiffs, William Pulare, Robert Baker, John Blount, Geoffrey Mose, John Skynner, and many [others]. Dorchester, 13th November, 10 Henry IV. [1408]. (*Cf.* 191.)

167.

CHARTER OF JOHN BOMEL.

Richard Stul, of Dorchester, and Edith, his wife, grant to John Bomel, of Dorchester, and his heirs, the moiety of their tenement situate on the south side of Ilnenelane, Dorchester, between the tenement formerly Thomas Bond's on the east, and the other moiety on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauel, John Goold, then Bailiffs, William Assche, Robert Baker, William Pulare, John Blunt, John Skynner, and many others. Dorchester, 9th October, 9 Henry IV. [1407].

168.

WILL OF THOMAS GARDYNER.

At the Court, Dorchester, 17th February, 10 Henry IV. [1409], was exhibited the will of Thomas Gardyner, dated Friday next after the feast of St. Martin, 1409, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Petronilla, my wife, and her heirs, my burgage on the east side of High South Street (*in alto vico australi regio*), between the tenement of William Adam, on the north, and the tenement formerly of William Grenelyf on the south, rendering annually to the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter, Dorchester, 12 pence, and accustomed rents to the King." (*Cf.* 164.)

169.

CHARTER OF JOHN SHYREWODE AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Robert Grey grants to John Shyrewode and Alice, his wife, and the heirs of John, all the burgages, tofts, and curtilages which he had by the bequest of Master Stephen Gylle, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Goulde and Henry Crauel, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, William Ayssche, and many others. Dorchester, 20th May, 10 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 77.)

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170.

CHARTER OF RICHARD BARTLET, CLERK, AND ROBERT STOURY.

John Topias and Scolastica, his wife, grant to Richard Bertlat, clerk, and Robert Stoury, and their heirs, their tenement with curtilage on the west side of le Durnelane, Dorchester, between the burgages of Nicholas Latymere on the south, and of Walter Carter on the north. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauoll, John Goulde, then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, Robert Baker, John Blount, John Westepray, William Nagard, John Gyle, John Bomel, and many others. [N.D.] (*Cf.* 91.)

171.

WILL OF JOHN CHAMPION.

At the Court, Dorchester, — May, 10 Henry IV. [1409], was exhibited the will of John Champion, dated 24th January, 1407, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Matilda, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement in Dorchester, situate on the south side of the King's way (*via Regia*), between the cemetery of the parish church of All Saints on the east, and the tenement of the Master of the Hospital of Mayne (*Magistri Hospitalis de Mayne*) on the west, rendering annually to the Fraternity of St. Mary of the church of St. Peter, Dorchester, 5 shillings in quarterly payments, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 175, 178, 347.)

172.

CHARTER OF JOHN MERCHANT, CLERK, JOHN WESTPRAY, JOHN JURDAN, DE WOLUETON, AND RICHARD BERTRAM.

Joan, relict of Thomas Bertram, and Robert Bertram, son of the said Thomas and Joan, grant to John Merchaunt,

clerk, John Westpray, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Richard Bertram, and their heirs, their burgage on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgages of the said Richard Bertram on the north, and of John Joce on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauel and John Goulde, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, William Pulhare, John Bomel, John Jurdan, sen., Geoffrey Mose, and others. Dorchester, 3rd April, 10 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 240, 242.)

173.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF ROBERT GREY TO JOHN SHYREWODE AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Robert Grey constitutes Robert Grenelyf, Baker, and Robert Parfyt, his attorneys to deliver seisin to John Schyrewode and Alice, his wife, in all burgages, tofts and curtilages formerly Master Stephen Gylle's, in Dorchester. Dorchester, 20th May, 10 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 79.)

174.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM BYSSHUP, CLERK, AND ROBERT BAKER.

John Blount, of Dorchester, grants to William Bysshup, clerk, and Robert Baker, of Dorchester, and their heirs, an annual rent of 10 shillings issuing from a messuage with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the south side of West Street, between the tenement of William Sexpenne on the west, and the tenement formerly of John Syward, senr., on the east, with reversion of the same on the death of Edith, wife of John Plomere, and which John and Edith hold of the grantor for her life. Also a garden on the south of the said messuage and curtilage. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauell and John Gould, then Bailiffs, William Assh, William Pulhare, John Bomel, William Nagard, Reginald Jacob, and others. Dorchester, Friday in the feast of St. Thomas, Apostle, 10 Henry IV. [1408].

175.

CHARTER OF JOHN CLAYMOND, CLERK, AND RICHARD CALABRE.

Matilda, late wife of John Champion, in her pure widowhood grants to John Claymond, clerk, and Richard Calabre and their heirs, a tenement situate on the south side of the King's way, between the cemetery of the parish church of

All Saints, Dorchester, on the east, and the tenement of the Master of the Hospital of Mayne on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauell and John Gould, then Bailiffs, William Assh, William Pulhare, William Nagard, John Blount, John Westpray, and many others. Dorchester, 1st July, 10 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 171, 178, 347.)

176.

CHARTER OF EDWARD MASON, CLERK, AND THOMAS BAKER.

Joan, formerly wife of Walter Tanner, *alias dictus* Carter, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to Edward Mason, clerk, and Thomas Baker, of Dorchester, and their heirs, her tenement on the north side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the places of John Shudde on the east, and of Nicholas Cokere on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauell, John Goolde, then Bailiffs, William Assh, John Shudde, Robert Bertram, John North, John Gryffyn, and many others. Dorchester, 3rd May, 10 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 156.)

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WILL OF JOHN COUDE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 10 Henry IV. [1409], was exhibited the will of John Coude, dated 13th June, 1405, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Cristina, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement on the east side of Frerenlane, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Community on the north, and the tenement, formerly John Wedon's, on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*." (*Cf.* 190, 457.)

178.

CHARTER OF JOHN JOS, BAKER, AND MATILDA, HIS WIFE.

John Cleymond, clerk, and Richard Calabre grant to John Jos, Baker, of Dorchester, and Matilda, his wife, and their heirs their tenement in Dorchester (as in Claymond's and Calabre's Charter, No. 175), to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Dorchester, Saturday in the feast of the Holy Cross, 10 Henry IV. [1409]. Witnesses, John Goulde and Henry Crauel, then Bailiffs, William Assche, William Pulhare, William Adam, Geoffrey Mose, Reginald Jacob, and many others. (*Cf.* 171, 175, 347.)

179.

CHARTER OF JOHN TAYLOUR AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Edward Mason, clerk, and Thomas Baker, of Dorchester, grant to John Taylour, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, their tenement on the north side of Durnelane, between the places of John Shudde on the east, and of Nicholas Cokere on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Henry Crauell, John Goolde, Bailiffs, William Aysshe, John Westpray, William Pulhare, John North, Walter Bouer, and others. Dorchester, 27th September, 10 Henry IV. [1409].

180.

CHARTER OF RICHARD BURLOK AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

Robert Burlok, *alias dictus* Portland, and Emma, his wife, grant to Richard Burlok, *alias dictus* Portland, and Agnes, his wife, and their heirs, their tenement on the north side of Puselane, between the tenements of John Galon on the west, and of John Gryffine on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauel, John Goolde, Bailiffs, William Pulare, Robert Baker, William Nagard, John Blount, John Bomel, and many others. Dorchester, in the vigil of St. Michael, Archangel, 10 Henry IV. [1409].

WILLIAM PULLARE, JOHN BOMEL, } Bailiffs, 11 Henry IV. [1409-10].

181.

CHARTER OF JOHN MASON AND WILLIAM WYTE.

Richard Hayne, of Dorchester, grants to John Mason, of Brodwey, and William Wyte, of Dorchester, and their heirs, his tenement with curtilage on the west side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of the Abbot of Abbotisbury on the south, and of Thomas Faryngdon on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Dorchester, Saturday next after the feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, 11 Henry IV. [1409]. Witnesses, William Pulare, John Bomel, then Bailiffs, John Westpray, Geoffrey Mose, William Adam, John Pury, John Schyrewode, and many others. (*Cf.* 238, 244.)

182.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BAYLY.

William Ayssh, of Dorchester, grants to Thomas Bailly, of Stratton, and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of West Street, between the burgage of the said William, which John Deu now holds, and the burgage of Thomas Bailly, of Dorchester, which the grantor had by the grant of Alice Mortymer and John Shipton, formerly belonging to Edward Carpuntere and Beatrix, his wife, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare and John Bomel, Bailiffs, Robert Baker, John Westpray, John Jurdan, senr., John Jurdan, junr., Reginald Jacob, and others. Dorchester, Friday next after the feast of the Nativity of the Lord, 11 Henry IV. [1409].

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183.

WILL OF AGNES, LATE WIFE OF WILLIAM BASTARD.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, 11 Henry IV. [1410], was exhibited the will of Agnes, late wife of William Bastard, dated Tuesday next after the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, 1409, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to William, my husband, and his heirs, my tenement on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of Robert Bakere on the west, and the tenement formerly William Pudell's on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Also another tenement on the north side of the same street, between the tenements of Richard Barell on the east and of William Hore on the west, to hold my anniversary once yearly during the life of the said William."

184.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM AYSSH AND ELIANORE, HIS WIFE.

Richard Calabre, of Dorchester, and Agnes, his wife, grant to William Ayssh, of Dorchester, and Elianore, his wife, and their heirs, their tenement with curtilage on the north side of High Street, between the tenements of Walter Bover on the west, and of the said Walter on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, William Pullare and John Bomell, then Bailiffs, John Westpray, Geoffrey Mose, William Adam, Robert Bertlot, John Gryffyn,

Walter Bover, William Fordde, and many others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. Matthias, Apostle, 11 Henry IV. [1410].

185.

CHARTER OF ROBERT COLEMAN, OF WEYMOUTH.

Joan Goulde, relict of John Gould, of Weymouth, in her pure widowhood grants to Robert Coleman of [name omitted], and his heirs, her tenement on the south side of High Street (*altus vicus regius*), Dorchester, between the tenement of Reginald Jacob on the west, and the shop (*schoppam*) formerly of John Siward, senr., on the east, which shop William Wylde, *alias dictus* Tannere, holds for his life, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Pyres and Bertram Wyet, then Bailiffs of Weymouth, Stephen Russell, Nicholas Flete, Philip Bryce, and many others. Weymouth, 6th February, 11 Henry IV. [1410]. (*Cf.* 186, 295.)

186.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF JOAN GOULDE, OF WEYMOUTH.

Joan Goulde, relict of John Goulde, of Weymouth, constitutes John Goulde, of Dorchester, her attorney to put Robert Coleman, of Weymouth, in possession of the premises conveyed by the preceding Charter. Witnesses, Thomas Pyres, Bertram Wyet, then Bailiffs of Weymouth, Stephen Russell, John Baker, John Jamys, and many others. Weymouth, 6th February, 11 Henry IV. [1410]. (*Cf.* 185.)

187.

CHARTER OF RICHARD CALABRE AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

William Ayssh, of Dorchester, grants to Richard Calabre, of Dorchester, and Agnes, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement on the west side of a lane which leads from East Street towards la Durnegate, Dorchester, between the tenements of Robert Sturey on the south, and of John Jurdan, "atteystegate," on the north, which he lately had by grant of William Pullare, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pullare and John Bomell, then Bailiffs, Henry Crauell, Thomas Baker, Robert Bertram, John Gryffyn, William Forde, and many others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, 11 Henry IV. [1410]. (*Cf.* 425.)

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CHARTER OF ROBERT BAKERE.

William Bastard, of Dorchester, grants to Robert Baker, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his tenement situate on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of William Hore, of Bridport, on the west, and of Richard Barel on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomel, then Bailiffs, William Nagard, John Westpray, William Asshe, Reginald Jacob, John Goolde, and many others. Dorchester, 15th March, 11 Henry IV. [1410].

189.

CHARTER OF JOHN GOULDESMYTH.

Thomasia Goldsmyth, formerly wife of Robert Goldsmyth, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to John Goldsmyth, her son, and his heirs, her tenement with curtilages in Dorchester, situate on the west side of a lane which leads from High West Street to the North Gate, between tenements of the said John on the south, and of Nicholas Cole on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare and John Bomel, then Bailiffs, Robert Bakere, John Blount, William Nagard, Geoffrey Mose, John Goulde, and others. Dorchester, 18th March, 11 Henry IV. [1410]. (*Cf.* 45, 349, 373, 377.)

190.

CHARTER OF THOMAS FYSSH.

Christina Cowde, relict of John Cowde, in her pure widowhood grants to Thomas Fyssh, *alias* Tanner, of Cerne, and his heirs, her tenement situate on the east side of Frerynlane, Dorchester, between the tenements of John Wedon on the south, and of the Community on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare and John Bomell, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, sen., John Gryffyn, John Mey, Walter Bouere, John Pury, sen., Robert Borloc, William Forde, and many others. Dorchester, 14th April, 11 Henry IV. [1410]. (*Cf.* 177, 457.)

191.

RELEASE OF WILLIAM AYSSH AND ELIANOR, HIS WIFE.

Richard Bertlot, chaplain, and Robert Stoury, release to William Ayssh, of Dorchester, and Aliener, his wife, and

their heirs, etc., all right in the tenement which they acquired of Henry Tanner, of Dorchester, lying within the liberty of the town of Dorchester (*infra libertatem ville Dorcestrie*), on the north side of High East Street, between the tenement of Walter Bouere on the east, and the tenement late of Richard Calabre and Augnes (*sic*), his wife, on the west. Witnesses, William Pulhare and John Bomell, then Bailiffs, John Westpray, John Jurdan, senr., Geoffrey Mose, William Adam, John Schyrewode, John Pury, senr., William Fordde, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. Ambrose, 11 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 166.)

192.

CHARTER OF RICHARD REDE.

John Jurdan, senr., of Dorchester, and Alice, his wife, grant by indenture to Richard Rede, brother of the said Alice, and his heirs, their tenement with garden lying on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of John Puri, senr., on the north, and of William Helier on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*, at an annual rent of 6s. 8d., to be paid to the grantors for life. Power of distress and re-entry. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomell, then Bailiffs, John Pury, senr., Reginald Jacob, John Gyle, Robert Baker, John Pury, jun., Richard Bertram, William Fordde, and others. Dorchester, 16th April, 11 Henry IV. [1410]. (*Cf.* 423.)

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CHARTER OF THOMAS PAYL AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Jurdan, of Wolfeton, grants by indenture to Thomas Payle, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of Thomas, a messuage with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the west side of South Street, between tenements of the Prior of St. John Baptist of Dorchester on the south, and of the Fraternity of St. Mary of Dorchester on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*, on the condition that they pay £7 in quarterly payments of 5 shillings each. Power of re-entry if in arrear. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomel, then Bailiffs, William Assh, Geoffrey Mose, John Pury, sen., William Adam, Richard Bertram, John Westpray, William Ford, and others. Dorchester, in the feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop, 11 Henry IV. [1409].

194.

CHARTER OF ROBERT GREY AND ROBERT GREYNELYF, BAKERE.

John Schyrewod, of Dorchester, cousin and heir of John Dybon, grants to Robert Grey and Robert Grenelyfe, Baker, and their heirs, a messuage or burgage with dovehouse and curtilage, late of Master Stephen Gylle, in Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Gould, John Crauel, then Bailiffs, William Ayssche, John Jurdan, John Westpray, Reginald Jacob, Geoffrey Mose, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. Barnabas, 10 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 79, 195.)

195.

CHARTER OF JOHN SHIREWODE AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Robert Grey and Robert Grenelyf, Baker, grant to John Schyrewod and Alice, his wife, and the heirs of John, the premises named in the preceding Charter, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, as before. Dorchester, Wednesday next after the feast of St. John Baptist, 10 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 79, 194.)

196.

CHARTER OF JOHN BOMEL.

Thomas Gardyner and Petronilla, his wife, grant to John Bomel, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a tenement in Dorchester, formerly John Stul's, situate on the north side of Ilnenelane, the tenement late Peter Blount's on the east, and the tenement of William Cost on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Crauel and John Goolde, then Bailiffs, Robert Baker, William Pulhare, John Blount, William Ayssh, Reginald Jacob, and many others. Dorchester, in the feast of St. Leonard, 10 Henry IV. [1408].

197.

CHARTER OF JOHN BOMEL.

Petronilla, late the wife of Thomas Gardyner, of Dorchester, in her widowhood grants to John Bomel, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a shop in Dorchester, on the west side of the street which leads towards the Friars Minors, between the shop formerly Richard Sadeler's on the south, and the tenement formerly John Perlee's on the north, to hold of the

King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomel, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, Reginald Jacob, John Gyle, Geoffrey Mose, John Westpray, William Adam, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. Illary, 11 Henry IV. [1410]. (*Cf.* 199.)

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198.

CHARTER OF JOHN BOMEL.

Petronilla, late wife of Thomas Gardyner, of Dorchester, in her widowhood grants to John Bomel, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a shop in Dorchester, situate on the west side of the High Street (*alti vici*) which leads towards the Friars Minors, between the shop, formerly Stephen Gylle's, on the north, and the shop late Henry Broke's on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomel, then Bailiffs, William Ayssh, Reginald Jacob, John Gyle, Geoffrey Mose, John Westpray, William Adam, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next before the feast of St. Illary, 11 Henry IV. [1410]. (*Cf.* 197, 199, 376.)

199.

RELEASE OF PETRONILLA GARDINER.

Petronilla, late wife of Thomas Gardyner, of Dorchester, in her widowhood constitutes William Forde her attorney to place John Bomel in possession of two shops situate on the west side of the High Street which leads towards the Friars Minors, and of a tenement within the Liberty of Dorchester, on the north side of Pyslane, late Thomas Gardyner's. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. Illary, 11 Henry IV. [1410]. (*Cf.* 197, 198.)

200.

WILL OF HENRY BROUK.

At the Court at Dorchester, Monday next [blank] the feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle, 11 Henry IV. [1410], was exhibited the will of Henry Brouke, dated Monday next after the feast of St. James, Apostle, 1409, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Alice, my wife, my tenement on the west side of the lane which leads towards the Friars Minors in Dorchester, for her life, and then to remain to Tomesia, my daughter, and her lawful issue, failing these, to be sold, and the money to be distributed for my soul, and the souls of my

wife and sons in masses, alms, and other works of mercy. Also I bequeath to my wife, Alice, and her heirs, the tenement which lies on the east side of the lane towards the Friars Minors."

201.

WILL OF JOAN, WIFE OF THOMAS FARYNGDON.

At the Court, Dorchester, on Monday next [blank] the feast of St. [blank], 11 Henry IV., was exhibited the will of Joan, wife of Thomas Faryngdon, dated the day of St. Prisca, Virgin, 1410, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to William Peuerell and Robert Crawford, and their heirs, a burgage in Dorchester, situate in the parish of St. Peter, between tenements of Robert Crokker and Nicholas Webbe, weaver (*textoris*), to hold of the chief lords of that fee."

202.

CHARTER OF JOHN BOMEL.

Richard Styl, of Dorchester, grants to John Bomel, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his tenement in Dorchester, situate on the south side of Ilnenelane, between the tenement of Peter Mallyng on the east, and the burgage late of John Duddel on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulhare, John Bomel, then Bailiffs, John Wesprai, Geoffrey Mose, John Gyle, Robert Baker, John Pryne, John Gold, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. Michael, Archangel, 11 Henry IV. [1410].

REGINALD JACOB, WILLIAM FORDE, } Bailiffs, 12 Henry IV. [1410-1].

203.

CHARTER OF NICHOLAS PURY AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

Henry Crauell, of Dorchester, and Alice, his wife, grant to Nicholas Pury, of Dorchester, and Agnes, his wife, and the heirs of Nicholas, the third part of their toft in Dorchester, situate on the west side of South Street, between the tenements of Geoffrey Mose on the south, and of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter in Dorchester in the corner, on the north, which third part is the corner part (*angularis pars*) of the toft, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty.

Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, William Forde, then Bailiffs, William Assh, Robert Baker, Thomas Baker, John Blunt, Geoffrey Mose, and others. Dorchester, 2nd December, 12 Henry IV. [1410]. Livery of seisin.

204.

WILL OF HENRY WYTYNG.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of Purification of Blessed Mary, 12 Henry IV. [1411], was exhibited the will of Henry Wytyng, of Fordyngton, dated 20th March, 1409, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Henry Towker, of Fordyngton, and Edith, his wife, and the heirs of the aforesaid Henry, my tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the south side of Durnelane, between the tenement formerly of John Glouer, and the tenement formerly of Walter Wittok, to hold of the King *in capite*, to hold annually the obit of John, Alice and Richard Durant, and to pay yearly to the church of All Saints, Dorchester, a pound of wax, and to the Fraternity of St. John the Baptist there, 1d."

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205.

WILL OF WILLIAM WALYSSH.

To the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the Purification of Blessed Mary, 12 Henry IV. [1411], was exhibited the will of William Walysch, of Dorchester, dated 20th September, 1410, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Joan, my wife, my tenement in Dorchester, situate on the north side of West Street, near the Gate (*prope portam*), between the places of Richard Hayne, of Dorchester, on the west, and of John Jurdan, jun., on the east, to hold for her life of the King *in capite*, and then to remain to Richard, my son, and his lawful issue and heirs, failing these to remain to Edith, my daughter, and her heirs, on condition that she gives 10 marks to Matilda, my daughter, for her marriage, when she arrive at marriageable age; if Edith die without lawful issue or assigns, then the tenement to be sold, and the proceeds expended on works of mercy, under the supervision of Geoffrey Mose and Joan, my wife."

206.

WILL OF NICHOLAS WEBBE.

At the Court, Dorchester, of the above date, was exhibited the will of Nicholas Webbe, of Dorchester, dated 3rd April, 1410, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Agnes, my wife, a tenement on the south side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the tenements of John Pury on the east, and of Heruy Hesteveld on the west, for her life, and then to remain to Thomas, my son, and his heirs."

207.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM PORTLAND.

Walter Bouer and Sarah, his wife, grant by indenture to William Portland, and his heirs, their burgage with curtilage in Dorchester, situate between the burgage of William Assh on the west, and the lane which leads towards the Friars Minors on the east, and the High Street (*alta strata*) which leads to the East Gate on the south, and their burgage called la Northbern on the north, which they lately had by the feoffment of the executors of John Syward, to hold of the King *in capite*, rendering to the grantors 16s. a year, in quarterly payments. Power of distraint. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, and William Forde, then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, John Blount, John Jurdan, John Gold, Henry Crauell, and others. Dorchester, 17th May, 12 Henry IV. [1411]. (*Cf.* 41.)

208.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM PORTLAND.

Walter Bouer and Sarah, his wife, grant to William Portland, and his heirs, a burgage in Dorchester called la Northbern, situate in the lane which leads towards the Friars Minors, between the curtilage of the said William on the south, and the burgage of the Master of St. John (*Magistri Sancti Johannis*) on the north, which they lately had by the feoffment of the executors of John Syward, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and William Forde, then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, John Blount, John Jurdan, John Goulde, Henry Craueell, and others. Dorchester, 8th May, 12 Henry IV. [1411]. (*Cf.* 41.)

209.

CHARTER OF JOHN MERCHANNT, CLERK, AND HENRY CRAUEL.

John Shudde grants to John Merchannt, clerk, and Henry Crauuell, and their heirs, all his lands and tenements in Dorchester, and all his goods and chattels in the county of Dorset, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, William Fordde, then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, John Bomell, John Gryffyn, and others. Dorchester, 1st March, 12 Henry IV. [1411].

210

CHARTER OF ROBERT MOSE.

John Estafeld, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, grant to Robert Mose, of Dorchester, and his heirs, their curtilage there, lying on the east side of South Street, towards the field of Este Wall (*versus campum de Este Wall*), between the garden of Henry Prest on the south, and the water course (*viam aque*) of the Community on the north, and the garden of Roger Cowke and the garden of Alice Greynlyf on the west, and the land of the Community on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, William Fordde, then Bailiffs, John Westpray, Geoffrey Mose, William Adam, Richard Bertram, John Shirwode, and others. Dorchester, Friday next before the feast of St. Dunstan, 12 Henry IV. [1411].

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211.

CHARTER OF THOMAS COUK AND ISABELLA, HIS WIFE.

John Westpray, of Dorchester, grants to Thomas Cook and Isabella, his wife, and the heirs of the body of Thomas, his tenement there, situate on the north side of West Street, between tenements of Thomas Mallyng on the east and of Alianore Mownys on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Failing such heirs of Thomas, then after the death of Isabella, to remain to the right heirs of Thomas for ever. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, William Forde, then Bailiffs, William Pulhere, John Blount, Robert Bakere, John Gyle, John Pury, senr., Walter Gaylord, John Don, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of the Apostles, Peter and Paul, 12 Henry IV. [1411].

212.

CHARTER OF RICHARD BRYS.

John Joce, of Dorchester, grants to Richard Brys, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a place of land there called la Dayne, on the west side of South Street, lying at the end of the curtilage of the Abbot of Byndon* on the south, and the curtilage of Joan Bertram on the north, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and William Forde, then Bailiffs, William Pulhare, John Blount, Geoffrey Mose, Richard Bertram, William Adam, and others. Dorchester, 12th July, 12 Henry IV. [1411]. (*Cf.* 28, 369, 489, 511, 524, 592.)

213.

CHARTER OF JOHN MOURTON, SENR.

John Ardoure, of Fordyngton, and Avice, his wife, grant to John Mourton, senr., of Mourton, and his heirs, their burgage in Dorchester, situate in the parish of All Saints, on the south side of East Street, between tenements of Walter Kyng on the east, and of Alice Knyght, formerly wife of John Knyght, of Dorchester, on the west, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Dorchester, 4th May, 12 Henry IV. [1411]. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, William Forde, then Bailiffs, Robert Baker, William Nagard, William Pulare, and many others. (*Cf.* 214, 223.)

214.

RELEASE OF JOHN MOUTON [*sic*], SENR.

Peter Ardoure, son and heir of John Ardoure, of Fordyngton, and of Auice, his wife, releases to John Mourton, senr., of Mourton, in possession, all right, etc., in the premises conveyed in the preceding Charter. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, William Forde, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, jun., William Assh, John Westpray, John Bomell, Henry Crauell, and others. Dorchester, 6th May, 12 Henry IV. [1411]. (*Cf.* 213, 223.)

215.

CHARTER OF REGINALD JACOB.

Edith, late wife of Henry Towkere, of Fordyngton, grants to Reginald Jacob, of Dorchester, and his heirs, her tenement

* In Charter No. 28 Milton occurs instead of Byndon.

there, situate on the south side of Durnelane, between tenements of Cristina Kanndy on the west, and of William Ayssh on the east, which descended to her *per jus accrescendi** after the death of Henry, her husband, and which was lately Henry Whytyng's, and which the grantor and her husband had by bequest of the said Henry Whytyng, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, William Forde, then Bailiff with the said Reginald, William Ayssh, Robert Baker, William Pulare, John Westpray, Geoffrey Mose, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. John Baptist, 12 Henry IV. [1411]. (*Cf.* 216.)

216.

Release of Reginald Jacob.

Hugh Towker, son and heir of Henry Towker, of Fordyngton, releases to Reginald Jacob, and his heirs, in possession all right, etc., in the tenement in Dorchester, which was of Edith, his mother, in Durnelane, conveyed by the preceding Charter. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, as before, except Geoffrey Mose. Dorchester, Monday in the feast of Exaltation of Holy Cross, 12 Henry IV. [1411]. (*Cf.* 215.)

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217.

Concord made between Nich. Pury, Henry Crauel, Robt. Cokeman.

Concord made in full Court held at Dorchester, Monday in the feast of St. Bartholomew, 12 Henry IV. [1411], concerning a curtilage lying on the south side of the tenement of Robert Cokeman, which Nicholas Pury and Henry Crauel claim against the said Robert, and concerning one *area* near the said curtilage, which Robert claims against Henry and Nicholas, by which Henry and Nicholas acknowledge the said curtilage and its wall to be the right of Robert, and Robert acknowledges the said *area* on the east of the said curtilage to be the right of Nicholas. Release. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, William Forde, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, jun., then Steward, William Pulare, John Blunt, John Bomell, Robert Baker, John Gyle, and others.

* She was *joint tenant* with her husband in respect of this tenement.

218.

CHARTER OF RICHARD BERTLOT, CLERK, JOHN JURDAN, AND REGINALD JACOB.

John Best, clerk, Robert Baker, of Dorchester, William Pulare, William Ayssh, grant to Richard Bertlot, clerk, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Reginald Jacob, and their heirs, their tenement in Dorchester, situate on the north side of la vlnenelane, late Henry Duddell's, and which the grantors lately held by the feoffment of John Duddell, to hold of the King *in capite.* Witnesses, William Forde, then Bailiff, William Nagard, John Bomell, John Goulde, Henry Crauell, John Puri, senr., Richard Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 9th August, 12 Henry IV. [1411].

219.

CHARTER OF JOHN WODEHAM.

Cristina, relict of John Kanndes, of Dorchester, daughter and heir of Walter Wyttok, and Alice, his wife, in her pure widowhood grants to John Wodeham, of Blockysworth, and his heirs, her tenement in Dorchester, situate on the south side of the lane which leads from South Street towards le Durnegate, between the tenements of John North on the west, and of Reginald Jacob on the east, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and William Forde, then Bailiffs, William Pulare, John Blunt, Geoffrey Mose, Henry Crauell, John North, Thomas Baker, Roger Crase, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, 12 Henry IV. [1411].

WILLIAM PULLARE, RICHARD BERTRAM, } Bailiffs, 13 Henry IV. [1411-2].

220.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BAKERE.

William Trybon, son and heir of Richard Trybon, of Dorchester, grants to Robert Bakere, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, on the north side of West Street, between the tenement of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, on the east, and the tenement of the Fraternity of St. Mary of Dorchester on the

west, which descended to him on the death of Richard, his father, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Pulare and Richard Bertram, then Bailiffs, John Blount, John Gyle, John Pury, senr., Henry Crauel, William Adam, Walter Gaylord, Thomas Mallyng, and others. Dorchester, Friday next before the feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, 13 Henry IV. [1411]. (*Cf.* 235, 406, 409.)

221.

RELEASE OF JOHN GRYGORI.

John Jurdan "atteysteyate," releases to Joan Grygori in possession all right in a burgage in Dorchester, which he lately recovered by Brief of our Lord the King in the same Court. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, William Forde, then Bailiffs, William Pulare, John Bomel, John Jurdan, and others. Dorchester, 11th May, 12 Henry IV. [1411].

222.

RELEASE OF WILLIAM FORDE.

Alianore, relict of William Ayssh, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood releases to William Forde, of Dorchester, and his heirs in possession all claim in a tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the west side of South Street, between the tenement late of Thomas Bertram on the south, and the tenement of John Penne on the north. Witnesses, William Pullare and Richard Bertram, then Bailiffs, John Westpray, Geoffrey Mose, John Blount, John Pury, senr., William Adam, and others. Dorchester, Wednesday in feast of SS. Simon and Jude, 13 Henry IV. [1411]. (*Cf.* 262.)

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JOHN PURY, SEN., RICHARD BERTRAM, } Bailiffs, 13 Henry IV. [1411-2].

223.

CHARTER OF JOHN KNYGHT.

John Morton, senr., of Morton, grants to John Knyght, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his burgage in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, on the south side of East Street, between the tenements of Walter Kyng on the east, and of Alice Knyght, formerly wife of John Knyght, of Dorchester, on the west,

to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Richard Bertram, then Bailiffs, John Blunt, Henry Crauel, Thomas Baker, John Gryffyn, Walter Walyssh, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of Valentine, 13 Henry IV. [1412]. (*Cf.* 213, 365.)

224.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BAKER.

Emmota, relict of William Pullare, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to Thomas Baker, of the said town, and his heirs, her tenement in Dorchester, situate on the north side of Durnelane, between the tenement of the Prior of St. John Baptist of Dorchester, on the east, and the tenement late of William Assh on the west, which she lately had by the bequest of her said husband, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., Richard Bertram, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Blunt, Robert Baker, John Gyle, Henry Crauel, John Bomel, Geoffrey Mose, John Gryffyn, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. John ante Portam Latinam, 13 Henry IV. [1412].

225.

CHARTER OF PHILIP PERSONS, THOMAS SHIPPERE, AND WILLIAM SPYNEY.

Emota, executrix and late wife of William Pulhare, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to Philip Persons, Thomas Shipper, and William Spyney, and their heirs, her tenement with curtilage on the north side of Pislane, Dorchester, between the tenement of John Bomel on the west, and the place called la Pount on the east, which tenement she lately had by the bequest of the said William Pulhare, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., Richard Bertram, Reginald Jacob, John Gyle, John Bomel, Robert Baker, John Jurdan, jun., and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after Pentecost, 13 Henry IV. [1412].

226.

RELEASE OF PHILIP PERSONS, THOMAS SHIPPERE, AND WILLIAM SPYNEY.

John Jurdan, senr., and Alice, his wife, release to Philip Persons, Thomas Shipper, and William Spyney in possession all right in a burgage called Helle (*voc' Helle*) in Dorchester,

formerly of Robert Sutton, husband of the said Alice. For greater security the parties came in full Court, Monday in the feast of the Decollation of St. John Baptist, 13 Henry IV. [1412], before John Pury, senr., and Richard Bertram, Bailiffs, and the said John and Alice acknowledged the burgage to be the right of Philip, Thomas and William, etc. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, John Blount, John Bomel, William Forde, John Gyle, and others. Dorchester, the day and year aforesaid.

227.

CHARTER OF JOHN NAGARD, CLERK, ROBERT QUAREL, AND HENRY CRAUEL.

John Wroxale grants to John Nagard, clerk, Robert Quarel and Henry Crauel, and their heirs, a burgage with curtilage in Dorchester, situate in a lane on the east side of the Cemetery of All Saints', between the tenement of Matilda Merchaunt on the north, and the tenement late Clap[er's] on the [south], on the south of the said lane, also another burgage on the south side of the Cemetery of All Saints' church, also four acres of arable land in one piece of land in la Est Walles within the Liberty of the town, to hold of the King *in capite;* on the condition that the grantees shall re-feof the said John Wroxale and Cristina, his wife, in the premises, when required by the said John Wroxale and his heirs, to hold to the said John Wroxale and Cristina, and the heirs of John Wroxale. Witnesses, John Puri, senr., and Richard Bertram, then Bailiffs, John Blunt, John Gyle, John Bomel, Geoffrey Mose, Thomas Baker, William Portland, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle, 13 Henry IV. [1412]. (*Cf.* 228.)

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228.

CHARTER OF JOHN WROXALE AND CRISTINA, HIS WIFE.

John Nagard, clerk, Robert Quarel and Henry Crauel grant to John Wroxale and Cristina, his wife, and the heirs of John, the premises conveyed in the foregoing Charter, to hold of the King *in capite.* Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Richard Bertram, then Bailiffs, Thomas Baker, Thomas Peynter, William Portlond, John Jurdan, junr., William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 4th September, 13 Henry IV. [1412]. (*Cf.* 227.)

JOHN BLOUNT, JOHN GOULDSMYTH, } Bailiffs, 14 Henry IV. [1412-3].

229.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MOSE, AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Alianore, executrix and lately wife of William Ayssh, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to Robert Mose, of the same, and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of Robert, her tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, situate on the east side of South Street, between the tenements of William Adam on the south, and of John Elysaundre on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount and John Gouldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, William Nagard, Robert Baker, John Gyle, John Bomel, John Westpray, Richard Bertram, William Adam, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Friday next after the feast of St. Edmund, Archbishop, 14 Henry IV. [1412]. (*Cf.* 262.)

230.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BAKERE.

Alianore, wife of William Ayssh, of Dorchester, grants to Robert Baker, of the same, and his heirs, her tenement situate on the east side of South Street there, between tenements of Robert Crokker on the north, and of John Lamer, son of Thomas Lamer, on the south. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount, John Goldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, John Gyle, Henry Crauel, Thomas Baker, John Gryffyn, and others. Dorchester, 17th January, 14 Henry IV. [1413]. (*Cf.* 262.)

231.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BAKERE.

Alianore, formerly wife of William Ayssh, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to Robert Bakere, of the same, and his heirs, her tenement on the east side of South Street there, in a certain corner, between the tenement of Thomas Faryngdon on the north, and the lane which leads towards a Durnegate on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses as above. 26th January, 14 Henry IV. [1413]. (*Cf.* 262.)

232.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BAKERE.

Alianore, formerly wife of William Ayssh, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to Robert Bakere, of the same, and his heirs, her tenement on the north side of High Street, Dorchester, opposite the church of All Saints, between the tenements of Walter Bouere on the west, and of William Hikkes, *alias dictus* Portland, on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount and John Goldesmyth, then Bailiffs, William Nagard, Reginald Jacob, John Westpray, Geoffrey Mose, John Bomel, and others. Dorchester, 24th January, 14 Henry IV. [1413]. (*Cf.* 262.)

233.

CHARTER OF PHILIP STOKE, HELYER.

William Forde, of Dorchester, grants by indenture to Philip Stook, *alias* Helyer, of the same, and his heirs, his tenement on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of Walter Blegh, *alias* Gaylord, on the east, and of Cristina Turk on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*, on condition that the said Philip pay the grantor £8, in sums of 40 shillings yearly at the feast of St. Matthew. Power of re-entry, if not paid. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount and John Gouldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Baker, John Gyle, Geoffrey Mose, Walter Gaylord, John Deu, Thomas Mallyng, and others. Dorchester, Friday next after the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 14 Henry IV. [1413].

234.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BUDDE.

Richard Bartlet, clerk, grants by indenture to Thomas Budde, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his burgage in Dorchester, situate next la Durnegate, between the burgages of the Master of St. John's (*Magistri Sancti Johannis*) on the west, and of Robert Burlok on the east, to hold of the King, rendering to the grantor for his life 4 shillings yearly, in equal quarterly portions. Power of distress. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount and John Goldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Bakere, John Pury, senr., William Forde, Geoffrey Mose, and others. Dorchester, 20th February, 14 Henry IV. [1413]. (*Cf.* 130, 143.)

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235.

CHARTER OF PETER MALLYNG AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Robert Baker, of Dorchester, grants by indenture to Peter Mallyng, of the same, and Alice, his wife, and the heirs of Peter, his tenement situate on the north side of West Street, between the tenements of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the west, and of the Master of the Hospital of Mayne (*Magistri Hospitalis de Mayne*) on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, on condition that they pay the grantor 25 marks, in quarterly sums of 6s. 8d. each, until the whole be discharged. Power of re-entry. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount and John Gouldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Westpray, John Pury, senr., Henry Crauel, John Gile, John Gould, Geoffrey Mose, Richard Bertram, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Gregory, Pope, 14 Henry IV. [1413]. (*Cf.* 220, 406, 409.)

236.

CHARTER OF JOHN JURDAN, JOHN PURY, AND WILLIAM FORDE.

Robert Deuenesshire grants to John Jurdan, of Wolueton, John Pury, and William Forde, and their heirs, his tenement in Dorchester, in Puselane, on the south side of the same town (*ex parte australi eiusdem ville*)* between the tenement of William Nagard on the east, and a certain void place (*vacuam placiam*) of the said William on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Richard Bertram, then Bailiff with the aforesaid John Pury, Robert Baker, Reginald Jacob, William Nagard, John Westpray, John Gyle, and others. Dorchester, last of February, 13 Henry IV. [1412]. (*Cf.* 237.)

237.

CHARTER OF ROBERT DEUENYSSHYRE AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

John Jurdan, of Wolueton, John Pury, and William Forde, grant to Robert Deuenesshire and Alice, his wife, and their heirs, their tenement on the south side of Puselane (*ex parte australi eiusdem venelle*), etc., granted them in the preceding Charter. Witnesses, Richard Bertram, then Bailiff

* This is a mistake in the Charter, *ville* being written for *venelle*, and is corrected in the next. Puselane was on the north of the town.

with the aforesaid John Pury, Robert Baker, John Blount, John Goulde, Henry Crauell, John Gryffyn, and others. 24th March, 13 Henry IV. [1412]. (*Cf.* 236.)

238.

CHARTER OF RICHARD HAYNE AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

John Mason, of Brodeway, and William White, of Dorchester, grant to Richard Hayne, of Dorchester, and Alice, his wife, and their lawful issue, their tenement with curtilage situate on the west side of South Street, between the tenements of the Abbot of Abbotesbury on the south, and of John Faryngdon on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Should the grantees die without such heirs, then the premises to remain to Richard Hayne and his heirs. Warranty. Witnesses, not named. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Ambrose, 11 Henry IV. [1409]. (*Cf.* 181, 244.)

REGINALD JACOB, JOHN GRYFFYN, } Bailiffs, 1 Henry V. [1413-4].

239.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM TAYLOUR.

William Cole, *alias dictus* Helyer, grants by indenture to William Taylour and his heirs his tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement late of Robert Sutton on the north, and the tenement late of Thomas Senecok on the south, which the grantor lately acquired of John Rudel, to hold of the King, on the condition that the grantee pays him, at the door of the tenement (*ad hostium tenementi*), £9 sterling, in annual sums of 20 shillings every Michaelmas, until the £9 be fully paid. Power of re-entry. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and John Gryffyn, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wyke, Robert Baker, John Pury, senr., John Gyle, John Bomel, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next before the feast of St. Katherine, Virgin, 1 Henry V. [1413]. (*Cf.* 370.)

240.

CHARTER OF THOMAS WYKE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Marchaunt, clerk, John Westpray, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Richard Bertram grant to Thomas Wyke

and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, their burgage situate on the east side of South Street, between the burgage of the said Richard Bertram on the north, and the burgage late of John Rodel on the south, which the grantees lately had by the gift of the aforesaid Joane in her pure widowhood and of Robert Bertram, her son, to hold of the King *in capite*, failing such heirs the burgage to remain to the said Robert Bertram, son of Joan, and his heirs. Witnesses, John Blount and John Goldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Bakere, John Bomel, John Pury, senr., William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 6th April, 1 Henry V. [1413]. (*Cf.* 172, 242.)

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WILL OF MATILDA WESTPRAY.

At the Court held at Dorchester, 12th March, 1 Henry V. [1414], was exhibited the will of Matilda Westpray, of Dorchester, dated 2nd December, 1413, and containing, "I bequeath to William Clark and William Forde, my executors, two tenements in Dorchester, one on the east side of South Street, between the tenements of Walter Roger on the south, and of John Bomel on the north, the other on the south side of Pyselane, between the tenement of Richard Bertram on the west, and the burgage late of John Duddill on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, on the condition that the executors, as soon as Joan, daughter of Agnes, my daughter, shall be married, shall re-feoff the said Joan in the premises to her and her heirs. Should she die unmarried, to be sold, and the proceeds distributed for my soul, and the souls of Richard Baw, John Westpray, and all the faithful departed. Also I bequeath to Alice, wife of Walter Chiryel, and her heirs, the tenement on the north side of Pyslane, between the tenements of John Bomel on the east, and of the Master of St. John on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin.

242.

CONFIRMATION OF THOMAS WYKE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Robert Bertram, reciting the Charter (No. 240) of John Merchaunt, clerk, John Westpray, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Richard Bertram, of 6th April, 1 Henry V. [1413], confirms the premises therein named to Thomas Wyke, Joan his wife, and the heirs of their bodies. Witnesses, John Blount and

John Gouldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Bakere, John Bomel, John Pury, senr., William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 8th April, 1 Henry V. [1413]. (*Cf.* 172, 240.)

243.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MORE, JOHN WESTPRAY, AND JOHN JURDAN, OF WOLUETON.

Joan, late wife of Thomas Bertram, in her pure widowhood grants to Robert More, Esq., John Westpray, and John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and their heirs, her tenement situate on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of the Abbot of Byndon on the south, and of William Forde on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount and John Goldesmyth, then Bailiffs, William Forde, Robert Bakere, John Pury, senr., Richard Bertram, Geoffrey Mose, and others. Dorchester, 10th February, 14 Henry IV. [1413]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 402, 258, 259, 260.)

REGINALD JACOB, JOHN GRYFFYN, } Bailiffs, 2 Henry V. [1414-5].

244.

WILL OF RICHARD HAYNE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of All Saints, 1 Henry V. [1413], was exhibited the will of Richard Hayne, of Dorchester, dated Tuesday, next after the feast of SS. Peter and Paul, 1413, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Alice, my wife, my tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of the Abbot of Abbotesbury on the south, and of Thomas Faryngdon on the north, rendering yearly for the maintenance, of the bell-tower (*pro sustentacione campanille*) of the church of St. Peter, Dorchester, 4 pence, and due rents, etc., to the King. Also to the same Alice, for her life, my two burgages in West Street, paying the dues to the King. If Alice dies in the lifetime of Robert, my son, I bequeath to him and his heirs the reversion of all the aforesaid tenements, paying 4 pence yearly for maintenance of the bell-tower aforesaid. And if Robert die in the lifetime of Alice, to remain to Alice and her heirs, paying the same charge for ever." (*Cf.* 181, 238.)

245.

CHARTER OF JOHN NAGARD, CLERK, AND JOHN VOGE.

Walter Burgeys, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, grant to John Nagard, clerk, Rector of the church of All Saints, Dorchester, and John Vogge, of the same town, and their heirs, their burgage on the south side of la Durnelane, Dorchester, between the place of John Shydde on the west, and the lane which leads towards la Durgate (*sic*) in a certain corner opposite the tenement late of John Warmewell on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty by the said Joan. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, and John Gryffyn, then Bailiffs, Robert Baker, John Pury, senr., Henry Crauel, John Gyle, John Bomell, Thomas Baker, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the feast of St. George, Martyr, 2 Henry V. [1414]. (*Cf.* 17, 246.)

246.

CHARTER OF WALTER BURGEYS AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Nagard, Rector of the church of All Saints, Dorchester, and John Vogg, of the same, grant to Walter Burgeys of the same and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, the burgage named in the preceding Charter, which they had by the feoffment of the said Walter and Joan, to hold of the King. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and John Gryffyn, then Bailiffs, Robert Baker, John Pury, senr., John Gyle, Henry Crauel, John Bomel, John Goulde, Geoffrey Mose, Thomas Baker, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the vigil of SS. Philip and James, 2 Henry V. [1414]. (*Cf.* 17, 245.)

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CHARTER OF THOMAS FARYNGDON AND NICHOLAS SYUERWAST.

Geoffrey Mose, of Dorchester, grants to Thomas Faryngdon and Nicholas Syuerwast, and their heirs, a tenement situate on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Master of St. John of Dorchester on the south, and the tenement which the grantor lately acquired of William Bryt on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and John Gryffyn, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wyke, Robert Baker, John Pury, senr., John Gyle, Richard Bertram, John Bomel, Henry Crauel, Walter Chyryel, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next before the feast of St. Michael, Archangel, 2 Henry V. [1414]. (*Cf.* 254, 255.)

248.

WILL OF WILLIAM ADAM.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the Annunciation of Blessed Mary, 2 Henry V., was exhibited the will of William Adam, of Dorchester, dated Wednesday next before the Annunciation B.M.V., 1413, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Edith, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Roger Couk on the south, and of Robert Mose on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 249, 250.)

THOMAS WYKE, WILLIAM FORDE, } Bailiffs, 3 Henry V. [1415-6].

249.

CHARTER OF RICHARD BARTLET, CLERK, AND ROBERT MOSE.

Edith, late wife of William Adam, in her pure widowhood grants to Richard Bartlet, clerk, and Robert Mose, and their heirs, her tenement, as in the foregoing will, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Wyke and William Forde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Pury, senr., Robert Baker, John Gyle, John Bomel, Richard Bertram, Walter Chyryel, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next before the feast of St. Matthias, Apostle, 2 Henry V. [1415]. (*Cf.* 248, 250.)

250.

CHARTER OF JOHN HUNTE AND EDITH, HIS WIFE.

Richard Bartlet, clerk, and Robert Mose, grant to John Hunte and Edith, his wife, late relict of William Adam, and their heirs, the tenement named in the preceding Charter, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Thomas Wyke and William Forde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Bakere, John Pury, senr., John Gyle, Richard Bertram, John Bomel, Thomas Bayly, Henry Crauel, John Gouldesmyth, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. Alphege, Bishop, 3 Henry V. [1416]. (*Cf.* 248, 249.)

251.

WILL OF JOHN BLOUNT.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the Annunciation B.M.V., 2 Henry V. [1414], was exhibited the will

of John Blount, of Dorchester, dated 18th January, 1414, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Clara,* my wife, my croft in Dorchester, which I lately acquired of John Jurdan, lying on the west side of the lane which leads towards Durnegate, between the crofts of Richard Durant on the south, and the said John Jurdan on the north, to hold for her life of the King *in capite*, to remain to Richard Bartlet, clerk, and Thomas Pynet, clerk, my executors, to sell it, and distribute the proceeds for my soul." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 318.)

252.

WILL OF CRISTINA, WIFE OF JOHN FRENSSH.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. Ambrose, 3 Henry V. [1415], was exhibited the will of Cristina, wife of John Fressh (*sic*), of Dorchester, dated Wednesday next before the first week of Lent (*ante primam ebdomadam quadragesime*), 1413, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to John, my husband, and his heirs, all my lands and tenements in Dorchester and in Portland, to hold of the lords of those fees," Livery of seisin to John Frenssh of one tenement in Dorchester.

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253.

RELEASE OF ROBERT MOSE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

William Martyn, son of Robert Martyn, Knight, releases to Robert Mose, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, in possession, all right in a tenement with curtilage on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, which Alianor, executrix and late wife of William Ayssh, lately gave the aforesaid Robert and Joan, and which formerly belonged to the said Robert Martyn, the grantor's father. Witnesses, Thomas Wyke and William Forde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Bakere, John Bomell, Richard Bertram, John Jurdan, and others. Dorchester, 4th February, 2 Henry V. [1415].

254.

CHARTER OF GEOFFREY MOSE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Faryngdon and Nicholas Siuerwast grant to Geoffrey Mose and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, their tenement in Dorchester, which they lately had by the gift of

* In No. 37 and No. 332 she is called Claricia.

the said Geoffrey Mose, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Thomas Wyke and William Forde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Bakere, John Pury, senr., John Gyle, Thomas Bayly, Robert Mose, Walter Chyryel, and others. Dorchester, Sunday next before the feast of St. George, Martyr, 3 Henry V. [1415]. (*Cf.* 247, 255.)

255.

Letter of Attorney by Nich. Syuerwast of the preceding Charter.

Nicholas Syuerwast constitutes Robert Mose his attorney to deliver to Geoffrey Mose, Joan, his wife, and their heirs, seisin in the aforesaid tenement. Wareham, Saturday next before the feast of St. George, Martyr, 3 Henry V. [1415]. (*Cf.* 247, 254.)

256.

Charter of John Kere and Lucy, his wife.

Geoffrey Mose grants by indenture to John Kere and Lucy, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement with curtilage situate on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between another tenement of the grantor on the south, and the tenement of Walter Rome on the north, which tenement the grantor lately acquired of William Bryt, to hold of the King *in capite*, on condition that they pay him £9 10 shillings in quarterly payments of 5 shillings. Power of re-entry. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Wyke and William Forde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Pury, senr., Robert Bakere, John Gyle, Henry Crauel, John Bomel, Richard Bertram, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next after Ascension, 3 Henry V. [1415]. Livery of seisin.

The original indentures are still extant among the town records, with seals of red wax attached, one counterpart bearing the letter " I " surmounted by a crown, and on either side a palm branch, and endorsed, " Dorchestre Irro^r in Domesday ib'm folio lij^mo." The other counterpart has a seal bearing the letters " G M," with a heart from which a merchant's mark (?) is issuing, between them, and is similarly endorsed. B 1 (*a*) and (*b*).

257.

CHARTER OF JOHN CHEUERELL, STEPHEN RUSSELL, JOHN JURDAN, AND JOHN JAMES.

Thomas Faryngdon grants to John Cheuerell, Stephen Russell, John Jurdan, and John James, and their heirs, his tenement on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Robert Baker on the south, and of John Penne on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Wyke and William Forde, then Bailiffs, Robert Bakere, John Bomel, John Pury, senr., Reginald Jacob, Thomas Bayly, and others. Dorchester, 1st June, 3 Henry V. [1415]. Livery of seisin.

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258.

CHARTER OF THOMAS WYKE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Robert More, Esquire, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and John Westpray grant to Thomas Wyke and Joan, his wife, late wife of Thomas Bertram, of Dorchester, and the heirs of Thomas Wyke, their tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of the Abbot of Byndon on the south, and of William Forde on the north (which tenement they lately had by the gift of the said Joan in her pure widowhood), to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Blount and John Goldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Bakere, John Bomel, John Pury, senr., William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 7th April, 1 Henry V. [1413]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 243, 259, 260, 402.)

259.

RELEASE MADE TO THOMAS WYKE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Richard Bertram and Robert Bertram, sons of the late Thomas Bertram, of Dorchester, release to Thomas Wyke, of the same, and Joan, his wife, their mother, in possession, and to the heirs of Thomas, all right in the tenement in South Street, named in the preceding Charter, which formerly belonged to Thomas Bertram, their father. Witnesses, John Blount and John Goldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Baker, John Pury, senr., William Adam, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 10th May, 1 Henry V. [1413]. (*Cf.* 243, 258, 260.)

260.

RELEASE MADE TO THOMAS WYKE.

Richard and Robert Bertram release to Thomas and Joan Wyke all personal actions toward the said Thomas and John, "ab origine hujus mundi" to the date of these presents, in respect of any goods of Thomas Bertram, their father. Dorchester, 8th April, 1 Henry V. [1413]. (*Cf.* 243, 258, 259.)

JOHN BOMEL, ROBERT BERTRAM, } Bailiffs, 3 Henry V. [1415-6].

261.

CHARTER OF JOHN FRAMPTON, JUNR., AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

William Forde, one of the executors of Matilda, late wife of John Westpray, of Dorchester, deceased, grants to John Frampton, junr., Esquire, of Waye Bayous, and Joan, his wife, daughter of the late William Clerk, of Weymouth, deceased, and to the heirs of Joan, two tenements in Dorchester, one situate on the east side of South Street, between tenements of Walter Roger on the south, and of John Bomel on the north, and another on the south side of Pyselane, between the tenement of Richard Bertram on the west, and the burgage late John Duddell's on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomel and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, Robert Bakere, Richard Bertram, Robert Mose, John Belhous, and others. Dorchester, Sunday next before the feast of the Lord's Nativity, 3 Henry V. [1415]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 241.)

262.

WILL OF WILLIAM AYSSH.

To the Court, Dorchester, Monday in the vigil of the Conception B.M.V., 13 Henry IV. [1411], came Alianore, late wife of William Ayssh, Richard Bartlet, chaplain, and Geoffrey Mose, executors of the will of said William Ayssh, and exhibited the will before William Pullare and Richard Bertram, then Bailiffs, dated 16th April, 1410, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath my tenement on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of the late John Duddel on the east, and of Thomas Bayly, of Stratton, on the west, to Elianor, my wife, and her heirs, to hold of the King *in*

capite. Also, to her and her heirs three butchers' shops, one of which was late Skryueyn's (268), one late William Gay's, and one late John Drau's; also two acres of arable land lying in *West Wall* of Dorchester, also my tenement in the same town which William Huntewake holds, I bequeath to John Rumbyl and his heirs. Also to Elianor, my wife, my tenement which Robert Bertram holds, acquired of Peter Blount, and my tenement in East Street, acquired of John Crauell. Also the reversion of a certain shop at the East Gate (*ad portam orientalem*) of the said town, after the death of me and Elianor my wife, to Joan Bedefordd and her heirs. Also to my wife and her heirs 8 shillings per ann. rent, issuing from a tenement in the said town called Tanhous, which William Tannere holds, together with the reversion of the same after the death of said William. Also I bequeath to Elianor, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement in Weymouth, acquired of John Swan and William Blanchard. To John Jurdan, junr., a rent of 20 shillings for the term I have in it, acquired of Thomas Blakemore, paying annually to my wife 13 shillings and 4 pence. To Richard Bartlet, chaplain, and his heirs, my tenement which I lately acquired of Richard Burgeys and Emmota, his wife, in Dorchester. To my wife my tenement at Durnegate for her life, and then to remain to Robert Stoury and Katherine, his wife, and their heirs. Also to my wife and her heirs the tenement in which I dwell. To Matilda Randolf, and her heirs, the reversion of my tenement in Durnelane, between tenements of Roger Grase on the west, and of William Pullare on the east after the death of Julian, my sister. Also two tenements on the north side of East Street, late Richard Durant's and Henry Tannere's, and a close in North Street next the North Gate (*juxta portam borialem*), late Compton's, to my wife and her heirs. Also my tenement in South Street, late William Gay's, to my executors, to sell the same and distribute the proceeds for my soul. All tenements in Dorchester not bequeathed I give to my wife and her heirs." Livery of seisin to Elianor. (*Cf.* 222, 229-32.)

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WILL OF MATILDA MERCHAUNT.

To the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the Conversion of St. Paul, 3 Henry V. [1416], came John Nagard,

clerk, and William Nagard, clerk, executors of the will of Matilda Merchaunt, mother of the said John and William, and exhibited her will before John Bomel and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, dated 16th November, 1415, containing, *inter alia*, "I give to John and William, my sons, and their heirs, my tenement in Dorchester, situate in a certain corner on the east side of the church of All Saints, which I lately acquired of the executors of John Fyuyan." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 86.)

264.

Seisin of Thomas Crymelford, son and heir of John Crymelford.

To the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the Conversion of St. Paul, 3 Henry V. [1416], before John Bomel and Robert Bertram, Bailiffs, came Thomas Crymelford, son and heir of John Crymelford, and claimed to have seisin of two tenements in Dorchester, one on the north side of West Street, between the tenement of Richard Beryll on the west, and the lane which leads to North Street (*ducit ad vicum borialem*) on the east—the other on the east side of North Street, between tenements of Reginald Jacop on the north, and of Peter Gouldesmyth on the south, which two tenements descended to him after the death of the said John, his father, and Joan, his mother, of which John he was next heir and of full age. Proclamation was made that if anyone should show cause why seisin should not be given him, he should appear at the next Court, in three weeks. No one appeared, and the said Thomas was admitted. In witness the Bailiffs affixed their seal of office to these presents.

265.

Seisin of John Nagard, clerk.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of St. Thomas, Martyr, 3 Henry V. [1415], it was ascertained that Matilda, late wife of John Joce, had died since the last Court, being then seised in fee of one burgage, situate on the south side of West Street, held of the King, and that she died without issue. Whereupon the Sub-Bailiffs (*subballivi*) present that in virtue of their office, according to the custom of the town, they took at once the said burgage into the King's

hands. At which day came John Nagard, clerk, and claimed to have the burgage, as cousin and heir of Matilda, viz., son of Richard, brother of John, father of the said Matilda, and craved seisin. Proclamation. No opponent appeared at the next Court. John came and proved his title. The Court conceded that the hands of the King should be removed, and the said John should have full seisin. Livery of seisin. Sealed with the seal of office of the Bailiffs.

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266.

CHARTER OF JOHN RYCHEMAN, *alias dictus* BELHOUS.

Thomas Rycheman, *alias dictus* Belhous, son and heir of Walter Rycheman, lately deceased, grants to John Rycheman, *alias dictus* Belhous, his son, and his heirs, his burgage, situate on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of John Rodel on the north, and the burgage late of Thomas Meyre on the south, which descended to him on the death of his father, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomel and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, John Pury, senr., John Gyle, Richard Bertram, Henry Crauel, John Gouldesmyth, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 9th April, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Livery of seisin.

267.

CHARTER OF THOMAS PYNET, CLERK, AND WILLIAM FORDE.

Henry Gylot, and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Coppe, and Cristina, his wife, grant to Thomas Pynet, clerk, and William Forde, and their heirs, the tenement in Dorchester late of said Richard Coppe, which Nicholas Ryper lately acquired of the Community of the town, and bequeathed by will to the said Richard, containing in length and breadth 10 feet, situate next the east steps of the cemetery of the church of St. Peter in the said town (*juxta scalam orientalem Cimiterii ecclesie, etc.*), to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomel and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, John Jurdan, John Pury, senr., Richard Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, and others. Dorchester, 20th May, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Sealed also by the Bailiffs. Livery of seisin.

268.

WILL OF ELIANOR, WIFE OF ROBERT GREYNLEF, *alias dictus* BAKERE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, 4 Henry V. [1416], was exhibited the will of Elianor, wife of Robert Greynlef, *alias dictus* Bakere, of Dorchester, dated 9th May, 1416, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Robert Greynlef, *alias dictus* Bakere, my husband, and his heirs, two acres of arable land in West Wall, Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*; also two butchers' shops in Dorchester, situate on the west side of the market, one late William Gay's, the other late John Drau's; also an annual rent of 20 shillings, issuing from a shop in the market, lately Skryueyn's, which shop William Spyser holds for his life, with the reversion of the said shop after William's death—which three shops I had by bequest of William Ayssh, late my husband—to maintain for four years a Chaplain in the church of St. Peter of Dorchester, for my soul, and the souls of Simon Ose and William Ayssh, etc. Should Robert Greynlef fail to execute this bequest, I bequeath the shops, etc., to Richard Bartlet, chaplain, and his heirs, to sell the same, and dispose of the proceeds for the souls aforesaid. To Robert Greynlef, my husband, and Richard Bartlet, chaplain, an annual rent of 18 shillings, issuing from a tenement on the north side of West Street, which tenement John Don and Agnes, his wife, hold of me for life, and the reversion of the same after the death of John and Agnes, to sell the same and apply the proceeds to maintain chaplains in the church of Holy Trinity for the souls aforesaid; also my tenement on the south side of East Street, in which Robert Bertram now dwells, lately acquired of Peter Blount (No. 273); also another tenement on the south side of East Street (No. 321), in which John Louel now dwells, lately acquired of John Crauel, to sell the same, and provide chaplains in the church of All Saints, for the souls aforesaid. To Joan Bedeforde, my servant, and her heirs, an annual rent of 8 shillings issuing from a tenement in Dorchester called Tanhous, on the south side of Durnelane, which William Tannere holds for his life, with reversion of the tenement after his death. To Robert Stoury, my cousin, my tenement in Melcombe Regis, on the east side of St. Mary Street, between tenements of Robert Calch on the south, and of John Abbot on the north. Also a place on

the east side of the same street between the King's Lane (*venellam Regiam*) on the north, and the tenement of the said John Abbot on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin to aforesaid Robert, Richard and Joan. (*Cf.* 269, 273.)

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269.

CHARTER OF JOHN DUN AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

Robert Greynlef, *alias dictus* Bakere, and Richard Bartlet, clerk, executors of Elianor, late wife of said Robert, deceased, grant by indenture to John Dun and Agnes, his wife, and the heirs of John, a tenement on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Thomas Bayly on the west, and late of John Duddell on the east, which they had by bequest of Elianor, to hold of the King *in capite*, on condition that John and Agnes pay £20 13 shillings and 4 pence, in quarterly sums of 26 shillings and 8 pence. Power of re-entry. Witnesses, John Bomel and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, John Pury, senr., Henry Crauel, Richard Bertram, John Gryffyn, John Gouldesmyth, William Forde, John Gyle, Thomas Bayly, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next before the feast of St. Mary Magdalen, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 268.)

270.

CHARTER OF JOHN EXETER.

John Gouldesmyth grants to John Exeter, and his heirs, his tenement on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of John Bawchon on the west and of John Nagard, clerk, on the east, which he had by the bequest of William Lytfote, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomel and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, John Pury, senr., Robert Baker, Henry Crauel, John Gould, Thomas Bayly, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Friday next after the feast of St. Michael, Archangel, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 104.)

271.

CHARTER OF ADAM TYREL AND EDITH, HIS WIFE.

Walter Codmore grants to Adam Tyrel and Edith, his wife, daughter of the grantor, and the heirs of their bodies,

his tenement on the east side of South Street, between tenements of John Hart on the south and of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the north, which he lately had by grant of Stephen Malpe and Alice, his wife, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomel and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, Robert Bakere, John Pury, senr., Richard Bertram, Henry Crauel, John Gyle, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next after the feast of St. Michael, Archangel, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 161.)

272.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM RAYNALD, CLERK.

Richard Bertram and Edith, his wife, grant to William Raynald, clerk, and his heirs, their tenement on the south side of Puselane, Dorchester, between the tenement of John Frampton, of Upwey, on the east, and that which belongs to the church of Holy Trinity on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomel and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Robert Baker, Reginald Jacob, John Pury, senr., Richard Bertram, Robert Mose, and others. Dorchester, 3rd October, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 424, 533-8.)

273.

CHARTER OF THOMAS GREY AND OTHERS.

Robert Grenelyf, *alias dictus* Baker, and Richard Bartlot, clerk, executors of the will of Alianor, late wife of the said Robert, grant to Thomas Grey, Hugh Deuerell, John Jurdan, and Thomas Pynet, clerk, and their heirs, their tenement on the south side of East Street, Dorchester, with a certain place of land below the curtilage of the same, formerly John Crawell's, which tenement and place were formerly Peter Blount's, and which the grantors had by bequest of Alianor, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomel and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, William Forde, John Pury, Henry Crauell, Thomas Baker, and others. Dorchester, 10th August, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 268, 273, 278, 286.)

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JOHN PURY, SENR., ROBERT MOSE, } Bailiffs, 4 Henry V. [1416-7].

274.

CHARTER OF CRISTINA FYSSHERE.

Robert Greynlef, *alias dictus* Bakere, of Dorchester, grants to Cristina Fysshere, and her heirs, his tenement on the south side of Puselane, Dorchester, between burgages of John Bomel on the west and John Kychyn on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, John Gyle, Henry Crauel, John Goulde, John Gouldesmyth, Richard Bertram, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next before the Translation of St. Edward, King and Confessor, 4 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin.

275.

CHARTER OF JOHN ARTOUR, BAKER, AND MATILDA, HIS WIFE.

Robert Greynlef, *alias dictus* Baker, of Dorchester, grants to John Artour, Baker (*pistori*), and Matilda, his wife, and their heirs, a tenement on the south side of West Street, between the tenement of Richard Beryll on the west, and that of the grantor, in which the said John and Matilda now dwell, on the east, which he lately had by grant of John Wyther and Alice, his wife, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacop, John Gryffyn, Henry Crauel, John Gould, John Bomel, Robert Bertram, Thomas Bayly, Thomas Budd, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Livery of seisin.

276.

CHARTER OF JOHN PACHET.

John Dun, of Dorchester, and Agnes, his wife, grant to John Pachet, of Dorchester, and his heirs, their tenement in Dorchester on the east side of the street which leads towards la Northgate, between tenements of John Nicholas on the north, and of Cristina Roke on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., Robert

Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Bakere, John Bomel, Richard Bertram, Walter Gaylord, and others. 21st October, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Livery of seisin.

277.

CHARTER OF JOHN SHERBORN AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

John Merchant, Rector of the church of All Saints, Dorchester, son of Matilda, late wife of Richard Merchant, and William Merchant, clerk, brother of the said John, grant to John Shyrborn and Alice, his wife, of Charmynster, and their heirs, their messuage and curtilage in Dorchester, situate in a certain corner on the east side of All Saints' church, and on the west side of the messuage of Thomas Bakere, and on the east side of the lane which leads towards la Durnegate, which messuage and curtilage the grantors had by bequest of Matilda, their mother, and was formerly John Fyuyan's, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Jurdan, John Bomel, Robert Bakere, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 28th December, 4 Henry V. [1416]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 263, 445.)

278.

CHARTER OF ROBERT GREYLEFF (*sic*), *alias dictus* BAKERE, AND RICHARD BARTLOT, CLERK.

Thomas Grey, Hugh Deuerell, John Jurdan, and Thomas Pynet, clerk, recite Charter of Robert Grenelyf, *alias dictus* Bakere, and Richard Bartlot, clerk, dated 10th August, last past (No. 273), with livery of seisin on 15th October following, on condition* of paying £13, in payments of 2 marks each, and grant to the same the power of re-entry if in arrear. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, John Bomel, Reginald Jacob, Henry Crauel, William Forde, Thomas Wyke, and others. Dorchester, 16th October, 4 Henry V. [1416]. (*Cf.* 286.)

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279.

CHARTER OF JOHN BYNCOMBE, CLERK.

Walter Chyryell grants to John Byncombe, clerk, and his heirs, his tenement with curtilage on the west side of South

* The above condition is not contained in No. 273.

Street, between the tenement late John Plomere's on the south, and that of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the north, which he acquired of Matilda Merchaunt in her widowhood, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, Henry Crauel, John Gryffyn, Richard Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 13th January, 4 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin.

280.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM SPYNEY.

John Pury, senr., and Agatha, his wife, grant to William Spyney and his heirs their burgage in Dorchester, situate opposite the church of Holy Trinity, between tenements of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the west, and of the Abbot of Abbotesbury on the east, which they lately had by the feoffment of John Tomkyn, clerk, and John Gyle, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose, then Bailiff with John Pury, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, Henry Crauel, John Gouldesmyth, John Gryffyn, Richard Bertram, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 4 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 145, 146.)

281.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM SPYSER.

Edith, lately wife of John Plomere, of Dorchester, deceased, in her pure widowhood grants to William Spyser and his heirs, her tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement lately Walter Chyryell's on the north, and that of John Belhous on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, John Gouldesmyth, Richard Bertram, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 4 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin.

282.

WILL OF JOHN RAW, *alias dictus* GYLE.

At the Court, Dorchester, 24th January, 4 Henry V. [1417], was exhibited the will of John Raw, *alias dictus* Gyle, of Dorchester, dated 4th November, 1416, containing, *inter*

alia, "I bequeath to John Ropere, and Agnes, his wife, my daughter, and their heirs, my burgage on the east side of Freyrynlane, Dorchester, between burgages of William Artour on the south, and of the heirs of John Wedon on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. To Agnes, my wife, and her heirs, my piece of land in the Island of Portlond, lying there under the hole (*subter la hole*), which I had by gift of Agnes, mother of my wife, in free marriage, by the name of chattels." Livery of seisin in the burgage.

283.

CHARTER OF JOHN JURDAN, RICHARD BARTELOT, CLERK, AND WILLIAM FORDE.

Agnes, late wife of John Raw, *alias dictus* Gyle, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to John Jurdan, Richard Bartelot, clerk, and William Forde, and their heirs, her tenement on the west side of North Street, Dorchester, between tenements of the Master of St. John of the said town, on the south, and of Walter Peytenyn on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Henry Crauel, John Bomel, John Gryffyn, Richard Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 8th March, 4 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 13.)

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284.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM FYTHELER.

John Gryffyn, of Dorchester, and Margaret, his wife, grant by indenture to William Fytheler, son of the said Margaret, and his heirs, two burgages with curtilages in Dorchester, on the north side of Pyslane, between the barn of the grantor, John Gryffyn, on the west, and the burgage of Agnes Nagard on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, rendering to the grantors during the life of Margaret 6 shillings and 8 pence in quarterly payments. Power of re-entry. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, Richard Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, Robert Bertram, John Goulde, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Friday next after the Annunciation B.M.V., 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin.

285.

WILL OF EMOTA PULARE.

At the Court, Dorchester, 19 April, 5 Henry V. [1417]. was exhibited the will of Emota Pulare, of Dorchester, dated Wednesday next after the feast of St. Gregory, Pope, 1416, containing, *inter alia*, " I bequeath to Thomas Budde, Richard Bartlet, chaplain, and John Elysaunder, and their heirs, my tenement in the parish of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, on the north side of West Street, between the church of Holy Trinity on the east and the tenement of John Jurdan on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*, to sell the same and apply the proceeds as long as they last in holding anniversary and celebrating divine service (*divinis celebrandis*) by chaplains in the church of Holy Trinity for the soul of William Pulare, formerly my husband, for my soul, and the souls of all the faithful deceased." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 297, 298, 379.)

286.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BERTRAM AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Hugh Deuerell, John Jurdan, and Thomas Pynet, clerk, (reciting the Charter made to them and Thomas Grey by Robert [Grenelyf], *alias dictus* Bakere, and Richard Bertlot, clerk, executors of the will of Alianor, late wife of the said Robert, and the livery of seisin, 15th October following, under condition of the payment of £13, etc., with power of re-entry, etc.), grant by indenture to Robert Bertram and Alice, his wife, and their heirs, the said tenement and piece of land, on condition of their paying to Robert Grenelyf, *alias dictus* Bakere, and Richard Bertlot, clerk, £13, in several payments of 2 marks each. Power of re-entry. Sealed with the seal of office of the Bailiffs. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, John Gryffyn, Richard Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, Thomas Wyke, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 10th May, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 268, 273, 278.)

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CHARTER OF JOHN CRAUEL.

Henry Durant grants by indenture to John Crauel and his heirs a burgage in Dorchester on the west side of a lane which is called Durnegate (*que vocatur Durnegate*), between

burgages of William Bouchere on the south, and of Henry Crauel on the north, rendering yearly to the grantor, etc., for twenty years one penny, and thence forward sixpence. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount, Thomas Bertram, Bailiffs, Peter Blount, William Wyther, William Pudele, William Nagard, Thomas Helyer, Thomas Gardiner, and many others. Dorchester, Thursday next before the Nativity Blessed Mary, 14 Richard II. [1390].

288.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM PAYE.

John Pury, senr., of Dorchester, and Agatha, his wife, grant by indenture to William Paye, and his heirs, their tenement on the north side of Pyslane, Dorchester, between tenements of John Pury, junr., on the west, and of the Master of St. John's of the same town on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, under condition of paying the grantors £10 (viz., 100 shillings the next Easter, and 100 shillings at Easter, 1418). Power of re-entry. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose, then Bailiff with the said John Pury, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, Richard Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, John Gryffyn, Robert Bertram, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next after the Ascension, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin.

289.

WILL OF HENRY CRAUEL.

At the Court, Dorchester, last of May, 5 Henry V. [1417], was exhibited the will of Henry Crauel, dated 5th February, 1416, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Elianor, my daughter, and her heirs, two burgages on the west side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the burgage late Walter Cartere's on the south, and that of John Shydd on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin.

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290.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM ROUK, CLERK, AND JOHN GAY, CLERK.

John Pury, senr., of Dorchester, and Agatha, his wife, grant to William Rouk, clerk, and John Gay, clerk, and their heirs, their tenement on the south side of the lane which leads

from the High Street (*ab alto vico regio*) towards Durnegate, Dorchester, between tenements of John Russell on the east, and late Nicholas Webb's on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose, then Bailiff with the aforesaid John Pury, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, Richard Bertram, John Gryffyn, John Gouldesmyth, Robert Bertram, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 3rd June, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 291.)

291.

CHARTER OF JOHN PURY, SENR., AND AGATHA, HIS WIFE.

William Rouk, clerk, and John Gay, clerk. grant to John Pury, senr., and Agatha, his wife, and their heirs, the tenement named in the preceding Charter. Witnesses as before. Dorchester, 8th June, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 290.)

292.

CHARTER OF JOHN CERLE, AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

William Compton, cousin and heir of William Compton, Baker, grants to John Cerle, and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, his burgage on the east side of North Street, Dorchester, next the bounds of Fordyngton (*iuxta bondas de Fordyngton*), to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, Bailiffs, John Jurdan, William Forde, John Bomel, John Gould, Thomas Budde, and others. Dorchester, 23rd June, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin.

293.

CHARTER OF JOHN COWDE, OF TOLPYDEL, AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Cowde, of Tolpydel, grants to John Cowde, his son, and Alice, wife of John, and their heirs, his messuage on the east side of the street which leads towards Glydepath, Dorchester, between burgages of John Jurdan on the east (*sic*) and of the Master of St. John of Dorchester on the south (*sic*), to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, John Gouldesmyth, Richard Bertram, John Goulde, William Forde, Thomas Bayly, and others. Dorchester, Thursday in the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 294.)

294.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

Thomas Cowde, of Tolpuddell, constitutes John Morton, of Milborne, to deliver seisin in the premises to John Cowde, of Tolpuddell, his son, and Alice, wife of John, which messuage and curtilage he had by feoffment of Richard Radeclyff, Alice his wife, and Nicholas Latymer, son and heir of William Latymer. Tolpudell, same date as the Charter. (*Cf.* 293.)

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295.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MOSE.

William Wylde, *alias dictus* Tannere, of Dorchester, and Alice, his wife, grant to Robert Mose, of the same, and his heirs, their burgage on the south side of High Street (*alto vico regio*), Dorchester, opposite the church of St. Peter, between the burgage of Blessed Mary on the east, and a shop late of John Syward, senr., on the west, which they lately had by grant of Roger Syward, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., then Bailiff with the aforesaid Robert Mose, John Jurdan, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, Robert Bertram, John Gryffyn, Richard Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, Thomas Baker, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the translation of St. Thomas, Martyr, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 186.)

296.

CHARTER OF JOHN FORDE.

Thomas Baker grants to John Forde, and his heirs, his tenement on the north side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the east, and that late of William Ayssh on the west, which he had by the grant of Emmota, relict of William Pullare, in her widowhood, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, Thomas Wyke, Richard Bertram, John Gryffyn, Robert Bertram, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday in the feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin.

297.

RELEASE OF THOMAS BUDDE AND RICHARD BERTLOT, CLERK.

John Elysaunder, one of the executors of Emmota Pullare, releases to Thomas Budde and Richard Bertlot, clerk, co-executors of the said Emmota, in possession all right in a tenement which they lately had by bequest of the said Emmota, in the parish of Holy Trinity, on the north side of West Street, between the tenement of John Jurdan on the west, and the cemetery of Holy Trinity on the east. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, Bailiffs, John Jurdan, John Bomel, William Forde, Thomas Wyke, John Gouldesmyth, and others. Dorchester, last day of September, 5 Henry V. [1417]. (*Cf.* 285, 298, 379.)

298.

CHARTER OF ROBERT CHANNDOS, CLERK, AND ROBERT CURTEYS, CLERK.

Thomas Budd and Richard Bertlot, clerk, executors of the will of Emmota Pullare, grant by indenture to Robert Channdos and Robert Curteys, clerks, and their heirs, the tenement named in the preceding Release, to hold of the King *in capite*, on condition that the grantees pay them 80 marks, in sums of 10 marks every Michaelmas. Power of re-entry. Sealed by the Bailiffs in full Court held on the day of the making of these presents. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Reginald Jacob, William Forde, Thomas Wyke, John Gouldesmyth, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after feast of St. Michael, Archangel, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 285, 379.)

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CHARTER OF WILLIAM HYKKES, *alias dictus* PORTLAND.

Henry Mylsham, *alias dictus* Ostyler, and Margaret, his wife, grant to William Hykkes, *alias dictus* Portland, and his heirs, their dovehouse on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Abbot of Abbotesbury and that late of John Dauy, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, senr., and Robert Mose, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, John Bomell, William Forde, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, and others. Dorchester, 3rd October, 5 Henry V. [1417] Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 15, 90.)

REGINALD JACOB, THOMAS BAKERE, } Bailiffs, 5 Henry V. [1417-8].

300.

WILL OF MARGARET, WIFE OF JOHN GRYFFYN.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday in the feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop, 5 Henry V. [1417], was exhibited the will of Margaret, wife of John Gryffyn, of Dorchester, dated 12th June, 1417, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to John Gryffyn, my husband, and his heirs, my burgage with curtilage seven feet in breadth, in the lane which leads from the church of All Saints, towards la Durnegate, between burgages of John Shyrewode on the west, and of John Frenssh on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, and to sell the same and to dispose of the proceeds in alms and celebrating divine service for the soul of John Fytheler, formerly my husband, and for my soul, etc." Livery of seisin.

301.

CHARTER OF JOHN THURSTEYN.

William Payn, *s'ci Andr^e*, grants to John Thursteyn, *dictus* Smyth, and his heirs, his tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, between the tenement of the Prior of St. John on the east, and that late of John Skynnere on the west, opposite the market place (*foro mercati*) to hold of the chief lords of that fee. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Baker, Bailiffs, John Pury, John Bomell, Richard Baret and many others. Dorchester, Thursday next after the feast of St. Michael, Archangel, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 302, 303).

302.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

William Payn, *s'ci Andr^e*, constitutes Reginald Jacob and John Pury his attorneys to deliver seisin in the premises to John Thursteyn, *dictus* Smyth. Dorchester, same date as the Charter. (*Cf.* 301, 303.)

303.

RELEASE MADE TO JOHN THURSTAYN.

Robert Roser and Cecilia, his wife, daughter and heir of Robert Fern and Agnes his wife, release to John Thursteyn, *dictus* Smyth, in possession all right to the aforesaid tenement on the south side of the High Street, between tenements of the Prior of St. John on either side. Warranty. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and Thomas Baker, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Thomas Wyke, John Bomel, John Gouldesmyth, Robert Bertram, John Gryffyn, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 17th January, 5 Henry V. [1418]. (*Cf.* 301, 302.)

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304.

CHARTER OF JOHN KYCHYN.

John Gryffyn grants to John Kychyn and his heirs his burgage on the north side of Pyslane, Dorchester, between burgages of Richard Portland on the west, and of William Fytcheler on the east, which the grantor lately had by grant of Margaret, his wife, in her widowhood, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and Thomas Baker, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wyke, John Pury, sen., Robert Mose, John Bomel, Robert Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next after the feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, 5 Henry V. [1417]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 305.)

305.

RELEASE UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

William Fytheler, son and heir of John Fytheler and of Margaret, his wife, releases to John Kychyn in possession all right in the burgage aforenamed. Warranty. Witnesses as in the Charter. Dorchester, Wednesday next after the feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, 5 Henry V. [1417]. (*Cf.* 304.)

306.

CHARTER OF JOHN KYCHYN AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

Agnes, wife of the late William Nagard, of Dorchester, deceased, in her widowhood grants to John Kychen of the said town and Agnes, his wife, and the heirs of John, her burgage on the south side of Ilnenlane, Dorchester, between the tenement of Robert Greynleff, *alias dictus* Bakere, on the

west, and that late of Robert Bere, *alias dictus* Deuenysshyre, on the east, which she had by bequest of William Nagard, clerk, late her son, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Blount, and John Gouldesmyth, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Greynleff, *alias dictus* Baker, John Gyle, John Bomel, John Pury, sen., John Goulde, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. Michael, Archangel, 1 Henry V. [1413]. Livery of seisin.

307.

CHARTER OF JOHN WELFORD.

John Gryffyn grants to John Welford and his heirs his burgage with curtilage, six feet in breadth, in the lane which leads from the church of All Saints, Dorchester, towards la Durnegate, between the burgages of John Shyrewode on the west, and of John Frenssh on the east, which he had by the bequest of his wife, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob, and Thomas Baker, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wyke, Richard Bertram, John Pury, sen., John Bomel, Robert Mose, John Gouldesmyth, Robert Bertram, John Voge, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, 9th February, 5 Henry V. [1418]. Livery of seisin.

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CHARTER OF ROBERT GREYNLEF, *alias dictus* BAKERE.

John Roper and Agnes his wife grant to Robert Greynleff, *alias dictus* Baker, and his heirs their tenement on the east side of Freyrynlane, between burgages of William Artour on the south and of the heirs of John Wedon on the north, which they had by bequest of John Raw, *alias dictus* Gyle, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and Thomas Baker, then Bailiffs, John Pury, sen., Thomas Wyke, Richard Bertram, John Bomel, Robert Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, William Forde, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next after the Annunciation B.M.V., 6 Henry V. [1418]. Livery of seisin.

309.

CHARTER OF JOHN MAPOUDER AND MARGARET, HIS WIFE.

Robert Greynlyf, *alias dictus* Baker, of Dorchester, grants by indenture to John Mapoudre, *alias dictus* Bayly,

and Margaret, his wife, and the heirs of John, his burgage with curtilage on the north side of East Street, Dorchester, as it is newly bounded (*prout de novo bundatur*), between another tenement of the grantor on the west (which John Russell holds for his life) and the tenement of William Hykkys on the east. Also an annual rent of 20 sh. issuing from the tenement which the said John Russell holds, together with the reversion of the tenement, to hold of the King *in capite*, with attornment and seisin, on condition that the grantees pay 80 marks, viz. 20 marks the next Michaelmas, 10 marks at Michaelmas, 1419, and so from year to year until the whole sum be paid. Power of re-entry. Warranty. Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and Thomas Baker, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, William Forde, John Bomel, John Pury, sen., Robert Mose, and others. Dorchester, 3rd March, 5 Henry V. [1418]. Livery of seisin.

310.

WILL OF GUNNETA BAYLY.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday in the feast of St. Mark, Evangelist, 6 Henry V. [1418], was exhibited the will of Gunneta, relict of Thomas Bayly, of Dorchester, dated Tuesday next after the feast of All Saints, 1417, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Thomas Archer and Isabella, his wife, and their heirs, my tenement on the north side of West Street, between tenements of Robert Boneuile on the west and of Thomas Bayly, *alias dictus* Westhall, on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin.

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WILL OF HENRY PREST.

At the Court, Dorchester, 16th May, 6 Henry V. [1418], was exhibited the will of Henry Prest, of Dorchester, dated 13th December, 1417, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Matilda, my wife, for her life, my tenement on the east side of South Street between the tenement late of Alice Greynlyff on the north, and that which John Gore now holds of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the south. If Matilda die in the lifetime of Joan, my daughter, I bequeath to the said Joan and her heirs the reversion of the said tenement, rendering services, etc., to the King. Should Joan die in the lifetime of Matilda, the tenement to remain to Matilda and her heirs." Livery of seisin to Matilda and Joan.

312.

WILL OF MATILDA GAYLORD, *alias dicta* BLOCCHE.

At the Court, Dorchester, 16th May, 6 Henry V. [1418], was exhibited the will of Walter Gaylord, *alias dictus* Blocche, of Dorchester, dated 1417 [*sic*], containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Matilda, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenements of Philip Helyer on the west, and of John Mustard, clerk, on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin to Matilda.

313.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MOSE AND RICHARD BERTLOT, CLERK.

Henry Reynald, son and heir of John Reynald, deceased, Geoffrey Mose, John Frenssh, and Joan, wife of said John Frenssh, grant to Robert Mose and Richard Bertlot, clerk, and their heirs, a tenement on the north side of West Street, between the burgage late of Richard Hayn on the west, and that of John Jurdan on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, Witnesses, Reginald Jacob and Thomas Baker, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Thomas Wyke, John Pury, sen., John Bomel, Richard Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, Robert Bertram, and many others. Dorchester, Tuesday next before the feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle, 6 Henry V. [1418]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 314, 317.)

314.

RELEASE UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

Henry Reynald, son and heir of John Reynald, deceased, releases to Robert Mose and Richard Bertlot, clerk, in possession all right in the tenement aforesaid. Warranty. Same date and witnesses, with addition of John Gould and William Forde, as in the Charter. (*Cf.* 313, 317.)

ROBERT BAKER,
JOHN PURY, JUN., } Bailiffs, 6 Henry V. [1418-9].

315.

WILL OF JOHN NORTH.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 14th November, 6 Henry V. [1418], was exhibited the will of John North, of Dorchester, dated 4th May, 1418, containing, *inter alia*,

"I bequeath to Agnes, my wife, for her life, my tenement in which I dwell, situate on the south side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between tenements of Reginald Jacob on the west, and of John Wodham on the east, and the reversion after her death to William Hykkes and his heirs, to hold of the King *in capite.*" Livery of seisin to Agnes and William.

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WILL OF WILLIAM FORDE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 14th November, 6 Henry V. [1418], was exhibited the will of William Forde, of Dorchester, dated in the vigil of St. Bartholomew, 1417, 6 Henry V. "I bequeath to Alice, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement on the west side of South Street, between tenements of Thomas Wyke on the south and of John Penne on the north, to hold of the King *in capite;* also my croft in the Isle of Portland, called la Wytherscroft in the east field (*in campo orientali*) to hold of the chief lord of that fee. I bequeath to John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and his heirs, all my tofts, lands, crofts, etc., in the Isle of Portland, (except the croft above bequeathed, and except a virgate of land lying upon la Pury, between land of Nicholas Hybard on the west and land of Warenn Bertlot on the east); the aforesaid virgate to remain to William Forde, my cousin and heir, according to the custom of the said Isle." Livery of seisin in the said tenement to Alice.

317.

CHARTER OF JOHN FRENSSHE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Richard Bertelot, clerk, and Robert Mose, of Dorchester, grant to John Frensshe, and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, the tenement named in No. 313, to hold of the King *in capite.* Witnesses, Robert Baker, John Pury, jun., then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Thomas Wyke, John Pury, sen., John Bomel, Richard Bertram, Thomas Budde, John Goolde, and many others. Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle, 6 Henry V. [1419]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 313, 314.)

318.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM BARON AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Richard Bartlot, clerk, and Thomas Pynet, clerk, grant to William Baron and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, their

croft on the west side of the lane which leads towards Durnegate, Dorchester, between the crofts of Richard Durant on the south and of John Jurdan on the north, which croft they had by bequest of John Blount, to hold of the King *in capite.* Witnesses, Robert Baker, John Pyry, minor, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, Richard Bertram, Robert Mose, John Goolde, Robert Bertram, John Bomell, and many others. Dorchester, in the vigil of St. James, Apostle, 7 Henry V. [1419]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf. will,* 251.)

319.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BAKER AND THOMAS PYNET.

Alice, late wife of William Forde, in her pure widowhood grants to Thomas Pynet, clerk, and Robert Baker, and their heirs, her burgage on the west side of South Street, between tenements of John Penne on the north and of Thomas Wyke on the south, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Baker, John Pury, jun., then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, John Bomell, John Pury, sen., Reginald Jacob, Robert Mose, and others. Dorchester, 20th August, 7 Henry V. [1419]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 337.)

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JOHN PYRY, SEN., THOMAS BUDDE, } Bailiffs, 7 Henry V. [1419-20].

320.

CHARTER OF JOHN JURDAN AND ROBERT BAKER.

William Bullok and Joan, his wife, grant to John Jurdan and Robert Baker, and their heirs, their two burgages on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, which lately were Thomas Lamer's, father of the said Joan, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, John Pyry, sen., and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, Robert Mose, John Pury, jun., Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 3rd October, 7 Henry V. [1419]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 322.)

321.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BERTRAM, AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Robert Baker and Richard Bertlot, clerk, executors of the will of Alienor, late wife of the said Robert [Baker, *alias* Grenelyf], and formerly wife of William Ayssh, grant to Robert

Bertram, and Alice, his wife, and the heirs of Robert, their burgage with curtilage on the south side of East Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the said Robert Bertram on the east and that late of Walter Roume on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Reginald Jacob, John Bomell, Robert Mose, Thomas Baker, and others. Dorchester, penultimate day of October, 7 Henry V. [1419]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf. will* 268.)

322.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM BULLOK AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Jurdan and Robert Baker grant to William Bullok and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, the two burgages named in No. 320. In default of such heirs, to remain to the right heirs of the said Joan. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, John Bomell, Reginald Jacob, Robert Mose, John Pury, jun., Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 2nd November, 7 Henry V. [1419]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 320.)

323.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM PAY AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Agnes, relict of William Nagard, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to William Pay, of Dorchester, and Alice, his wife, and their heirs *in purum maritagium*, for the good service of the aforesaid Alice, her tenement on the north side of Puselane, Dorchester, between tenements of William Fytheler on the west and of John Jurdan on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Baker, John Pury, jun., John Bomel, Thomas Baker, and others. Dorchester, 15th December, 7 Henry V. [1419]. Livery of seisin.

324.

CHARTER OF GEORGE RUSLEY AND ROBERT MOSE.

John Roger, Lord of Bryanston, grants to George Rusley and Robert Mose, of Dorchester, and their heirs, his burgage with curtilage adjacent and dovehouse in the said curtilage, which burgage lies on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement formerly John Westpray's on the north and a place formerly the chapel of St. Rowald on the south

(*quondam capella Sancti Rowaldi*), and the aforesaid curtilage lies between a tenement formerly John Skynner's and a tenement formerly John Manndeware's, and extends towards the north as far as Durnelane, and towards the south as far as the arable land of les Estwallys of the said town; to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, Thomas Baker, John Bomel, and others. Dorchester, 3rd January, 7 Henry V. [1420]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 126, 325, 344, 345.)

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LETTER OF ATTORNEY.

John Roger, Lord of Bryanston, constitutes Richard Pykke and John Goulde, of Dorchester, his attorneys to deliver to George Rusley and Robert Mose, of Dorchester, seisin in the premises named in the preceding Charter. Dorchester, 3rd January, 7 Henry V. [1420]. (*Cf.* 126, 324, 344, 345.)

326.

CHARTER OF JOHN PANYS.

William Fytheler grants to John Panys and his heirs two burgages with curtilage on the north side of Pyslane, Dorchester, between the barn of John Kychyn on the west and the burgage of William Person on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomell, Richard Bertram, John Gouldsmyth, Robert Bertram, John Gould, John Purye, jun., and others. Dorchester, 6th January, 7 Henry V. [1420]. Livery of seisin.

327.

WILL OF JOHN CHURCHULLE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 4th March, 7 Henry V. [1420], was exhibited the will of John Chirchille, of Waddone, dated 28th October, 1418, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to John Chirchulle, my younger son and his heirs, after the decease of Margery, my wife, a burgage with curtilage adjacent, in Westret, Dorchester, between burgages of Richard Turke on the east and of John Champion on the west."

328.

CHARTER OF JOHN NICHOLAS AND MARGERY, HIS WIFE.

John Pachet grants to John Nicholas and Margery, his wife, and the heirs of John, a burgage on the west side of North Street, between burgages of said John Nicholas on the north and of Cristina Mason on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, John Bomel, John Goolde, John Goldsmyth, Robert Baker, and others. Dorchester, penultimate day of March, 8 Henry V. [1420]. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 329.)

329.

RELEASE OF JOHN NICHOLAS AND MARGERY, HIS WIFE.

Henry Skynnere releases to John Nicholas and Margery, his wife, in possession, all right to the aforenamed burgage on the east side of North Street, formerly John Pachet's. Warranty. Same witnesses, excepting J. Goldsmyth and R. Baker. Dorchester, 1st April, 8 Henry V. [1420]. (*Cf.* 328.)

330.

CHARTER OF JOHN CARTER AND JULIAN, HIS WIFE.

Cristina Mason, relict of William Mason, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to John Carter, of Dorchester, and Julian, his wife, and the heirs of John, her burgage on the east side of the North Street which leads towards Glidepatth, between the tenement of Robert Veel on the south and the burgage of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pyry, sen., Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomell, and many others. Dorchester, 8th April, 8 Henry V. [1420]. Livery of seisin.

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331.

CHARTER OF JOHN DRAKE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Artour and Matilda, his wife, grant to John Drake, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of John, their tenement on the north side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between tenements of Roger Crays on the west and of John Mason on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs,

Robert Bakere, Reginald Jacob, Robert Mose, John Bomel, Richard Bertram, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next after the feast of St. Mark, 8 Henry V. [1420]. Livery of seisin.

332.

RELEASE OF JOHN JURDAN, RICHARD BERTLOT, CLERK, AND ROBERT BAKERE.

Claricia, relict of John Blount, in her pure widowhood releases to John Jurdan, Richard Bertlot, clerk, and Robert Bakere, in possession, all right in a tenement on the south side of West Street, between tenements of Agnes Nagard on the west and of Reginald Jacob on the east, which was formerly John Blount's, her husband. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, John Bomell, John Goldsmyth, Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 6th May, 8 Henry V. [1420]. (*Cf.* 333.) [In No. 251 is the will of John Blount, but this tenement is not mentioned there.]

333.

CHARTER OF CLARICIA, RELICT OF JOHN BLOUNT.

John Jurdan, Richard Bertlot, clerk, and Robert Baker, grant to Claricia, relict of John Blount, an annual rent of 8 sh., issuing from the tenement named in the preceding release, to hold for her life, in four quarterly portions. Power of distress. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomell, Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 7th May, 8 Henry V. [1420]. (*Cf.* 332.)

334.

WILL OF THOMAS PAYL.

To the Law Court, term of Hokkeday, held at Dorchester penultimate day of April, 8 Henry V. [1420] was exhibited the will of Thomas Paul [*sic*], of Dorchester, dated 18th May, 1419, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Joan, my wife, for her life, my tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement which pertains to the house (*quod iacet domui*) of St. John on the south, and the tenement of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the north. Should she die in the lifetime of Joan, my daughter, I give the latter the reversion of the same and her heirs, but if Joan my daughter

die in the lifetime of my wife, the tenement to remain to my wife and her heirs, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin to Joan, wife of the testator.

335.

WILL OF WILLIAM ROPERE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 6th May, 8 Henry V. [1420], was exhibited the will of William Ropere, of Dorchester, dated the Epiphany of our Lord, 1419, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Auice, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement with curtilage on the west side of South Street (*vico australi regio*), between tenements of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the one side, and of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the other." Livery of seisin.

336.

WILL OF HENRY PREST, *alias* WEBBE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 19th August, 8 Henry V. [1420], was exhibited the will of Henry Prest, of Dorchester, dated Thursday next after the feast of St. Lucy, Virgin, 1419, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to William Spycer, of Dorchester, Roger Beterok, of Fordyngton, and John Cerle, of Dorchester, and their heirs, my tenement situate in a certain corner next Durnelane, opposite the toft of John Schyrewode on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, to sell the same, and pay one moiety of the proceeds to Alice, my wife, and dispose of the other moiety for my soul, and the souls of my benefactors." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 362, 380.)

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337.

CHARTER OF THOS. HOPEKYN AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Pynet, clerk, and Robert Baker, grant to Thomas Hopekyn and Alice, his wife, late wife of William Forde, and their heirs, their burgage on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of John Penne on the north and Thomas Wyke on the south, which the grantors lately had by the grant of the said Alice, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wyke, Reginald Jacob, Richard

Bertram, John Bomell, Robert Mose, and others. Dorchester, Sunday next after All Saints' day, 7 Henry V. [1419]. (*Cf.* 319.)

ROBERT BERTRAM, JOHN HONTE, } Bailiffs, 8 Henry V. [1420-21].

338.

CHARTER OF WALTER TRACY AND WALTER BAGGE, CLERKS.

John Moustyr, clerk, grants to Walter Tracy and Walter Bagge, clerks, and their heirs, a burgage with curtilage on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Walter Gaylord on the west and of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Martyn, Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Richard Webbe, John Golsmyth, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after Michaelmas, 8 Henry V. [1420]. (*Cf.* 339, 340.)

339.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY.

John Moustyr, clerk, appoints John Golsmyth, of Dorchester, his attorney to deliver seisin to Walter Bagge, clerk, and Walter Tracy, in the premises. Dorchester, Monday next after Michaelmas, 8 Henry V. [1420]. (*Cf.* 338, 340.)

340.

RELEASE TO WALTER TRACY AND WALTER BAGGE.

John Moustir, clerk, releases to Walter Tracy, and Walter Bagge, clerk, and their heirs, all right in the premises. Witnesses, John Martyn, Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Richard Webbe, John Goldsmyth, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after Michaelmas, 8 Henry V. [1420]. (*Cf.* 338, 339.)

341.

WILL OF WILLIAM SPICER.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of the Purification B.M., 8 Henry V. [1421], was exhibited the will of William Spicer, of Dorchester, dated 10 October, 1420, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Margery, my wife, for life, my tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of John Byncumbe, clerk,

on the north, and of John Bellous on the south, and after her decease to remain to Robert, my son, and heirs of his body lawfully begotten. If he die without such issue, to remain to Alice, my daughter, and her like heirs; failing these, to remain to the heirs and assigns of Margery. Of the King *in capite*. Also I bequeath to Margery, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement in Melcumbe Regis, late John Smelprout's, in St. Mary's Street, on the north side of the tenement of John *Rousiuale* (?), and opposite the tenement of Henry le Smyth." Livery of seisin.

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342.

CHARTER OF JOHN FAUNTLEROY, REGINALD JACOB, JOHN AUBYN, AND PHILIP TAYLOR.

Joan Grygges in her pure widowhood grants to John Fauntleroy, Reginald Jacob, of Dorchester, John Aubyn, of Pudelehynton, and Philip Taylur, of Stratton, and their heirs, her burgage in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, between tenements of the Prior of St. John, and of Richard Durant, in a certain corner which formerly was Walter Haselber's, her father. To hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Bertram and John Hount, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Thomas Wyke, John Bomel, John Pury, Robert Mose, and others. Dorchester, 1 June, 9 Henry V. [1421],

343.

WILL OF RICHARD BERTRAM.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday in vigil of St. John Baptist, 9 Henry V. [1421], was exhibited the will of Richard Bertram, of Dorchester, dated 6 March, 1420, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Edith, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of William Payl on the north and the tenement formerly Thomas Bertram's, my father, on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin.

344.

CHARTER OF RICHARD GRENE, OF CHYLTECOMBE.

Robert Mose, of Dorchester, grants to Richard Grene, of Chyltecombe, and his heirs, his burgage and curtilage,

with dovehouse, in Dorchester, which burgage is on the east side of South Street, between a tenement formerly John Westpray's on the north, and a place formerly of the chapel of St. Rowald (*placeam quondam capelle Sancti Rowaldi*) in the south, and the curtilage lies between a tenement formerly John Skynnere's and a tenement formerly John Maundewar's, and extends northwards to Durnelane and southwards to the arable land of "les Est Wallys" of the said town, which burgage, curtilage and dovehouse he lately had by feoffment of John Roger, lord of Bryanston, to hold of the King *in capite* Witnesses, Robert Bertram, and John Honte, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Reginald Jacob, John Bomell, John Golsmyth, Thomas Baker, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next after festival of Apostles Peter and Paul, 9 Henry V. [1421]. (*Cf.* 126, 324, 325, 345.)

345.

RELEASE MADE TO RICHARD GRENE.

John Roger, lord of Brianston, and Walter Roger, his brother, release to Richard Grene, of Chyltecumbe, and his heirs, in possession, all their right in said burgage, curtilage, and dovehouse. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Bertram, and John Honte, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Reginald Jacob, John Bomell, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 9 Henry V [1421]. (*Cf.* 126, 324, 325, 344.)

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346.

CHARTER OF JOAN, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT CARTER, OF WYDECUMBE, AND AGNES, DAUGHTER OF SAID JOAN.

John Forde, mason, grants to Joan, daughter of Robert Cartere, of Wydecumbe, for her life, his burgage on the north side of Durnlane, Dorchester, between burgage of John Drake on the west, and of the Prior of St. John of the same town on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, and after her death to Agnes, daughter of the said Joan, and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, failing these, to the right heirs of the grantor. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Bertram and John Honte, then Bailiffs, John Bomell, Robert Mose, Robert Burlok, William Portland, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next after Nativity of St. John Baptist, 9 Henry V. [1421].

347.

WILL OF JOHN JOOSE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday in Vigil of St. John the Baptist, 9 Henry V. [1421], was exhibited the will of John Joose, of Dorchester, dated Tuesday in the morrow of St. Matthias, Apostle, 1420, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Joan, my wife, for life, my tenement on the south side of East Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Master of the Hospital of Mayne, on the west, and the cemetery of the Church of All Saints on the east, rendering yearly to the Fraternity of St. Mary of the church of St. Peter, of Dorchester, 5 sh., payable quarterly, and accustomed dues to the King *in capite*. After her death to remain to Philip Sprak, clerk, and William Baker, of Dorchester, and their heirs, to sell and dispose of the same for the welfare of my soul, and of those for whom I am bound." Livery of seisin to Joan, Philip and William. (*Cf.* 171, 175, 178.)

348.

WILL OF STEPHEN HELIER.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 2nd June, 9 Henry V. [1421], was exhibited the will of Stephen Helyer, of Dorchester, dated 8 September, 1420, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Amicia, my wife, for ever, my burgage in South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of John Gower on the south, and of John Hart on the north." Livery of seisin.

349.

WILL OF JOHN GOLDSMYTH.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 13th October, 9 Henry V. [1421], was exhibited the will of John Goldsmyth, of Dorchester, dated 2nd August, 1421, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Emmota, my daughter, and her heirs, my tenement with curtilage on the west side of a lane which leads from High West Street to the North Gate, between my tenement on the north and that of Thomas Crimelforde on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Also I bequeath to Edith, my wife, and her heirs, my other tenement in the said lane, between my tenement before bequeathed on the south, and that of John Jurdan on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin to Emmota and Edith. (*Cf.* 373, 377.)

350.

CHARTER OF JOHN HURNEMAN.

John Lange, glovere, of Cerne, grants to John Hurneman and his heirs his burgage on the south side of Durnelane in Dorchester, between tenements of Joan Bedeforde on the east and of John Rumbel on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pyri, sen., and Thomas Budde, Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Reginald Jacob, Robert Baker, John Bomel, Robert Mose, and others. Dorchester, 4 October, 7 Henry V. [1419]. (*Cf.* 351.)

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ROBERT MOSE, THOMAS BAYLY, } Bailiffs, 9 Henry V. [1421-22].

351.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF AFORESAID CHARTER.

John Lange, glovere, of Cerne, constitutes John Phelpot, tannere, of Cerne, his attorney, to put John Hurneman in possession of the premises. Cerne, Sunday next after Michaelmas, 7 Henry V. [1419]. (*Cf.* 350.)

352.

WILL OF RICHARD TURKE.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 24th March, 10 Henry V [1422], was exhibited the will of Richard Turke, of Dorchester, dated 1420, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Cristina, my wife, and her heirs, a place of land in Dorchester, opposite the croft of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester, between a place formerly of John Lyps on the west, and a place of William Jurdan, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin. *Cf.* 127, 355.)

353.

CHARTER OF RICHARD, SON OF WALTER TANNERE.

Roger Rede, of Fordygton, and Joan, his wife, formerly wife of Walter Tannere, of Dorchester, grant to Richard, son and heir of the said Walter and Joan, and his heirs, a burgage with curtilage on the north side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between burgages of Nicholas Coker on the west,

and of John Shudde on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Baylli, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomell, John Pury, Thomas Baker, Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 23rd March, 10 Henry V. [1422].

354.

CHARTER OF JOHN PURY.

John Jurdan, of Wolueton, grants to John Pury and his heirs, his burgage with curtilage on the north side of Ilnen-lane, Dorchester, between his burgage (late of John Jurdan, his father) on the west, and that of the said John Pury on the east, which he had by feoffment of Agnes Nagard. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Bailli, Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Bomell, Robert Bertram, Thomas Baker, Thomas Budde, and others. Dorchester, 11th May, 10 Henry V. [1422].

355.

CHARTER OF JOHN DYLUERTON.

Cristina Turke in her pure widowhood grants to John Dyluerton and his heirs a place of land in Dorchester, between a place formerly John Lyps' on the west, and a place late of William Jurdan on the east, which place she had by the bequest of Richard Turk, her husband, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Bailly, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, Thomas Budde, John Jurdan, and many others. Dorchester, 3rd March, 10 Henry V. [1422 ?]. (*Cf.* 127, 352.)

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356.

SEISIN OF SCOLASTICA, WIFE OF BURLOC.

To the Court at Hock-tyde, Dorchester, 10 Henry V. [1422], Scolastica, late wife and executrix of the will of Robert Burloc, of the same, came before Robert Mose and Thomas Westhalle, then Bailiffs, and prayed to be admitted by them and seised in a burgage late the said Robert's, her husband, on the north side of Durnelane, between burgages of John Carpynter on the west and of John Drue on the east, to hold

to herself and the heirs of Robert Burloc of the King *in capite.* Livery of seisin. In witness, Robert Mose and Thomas Westhalle, Bailiffs, have affixed their seal of office, in presence of Reginald Jacob, John Bomell, John Honte, John Pury, John Thurstoyn, and others. (*Cf.* 102, 387.)

357.

CHARTER OF ROBERT CHILCOMB AND AVICE, HIS WIFE.

Geoffrey Mose grants to Robert Chilcombe and Avice, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement with curtilage on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of the Prior of St. John on the south, and of John Ker' on the north, to hold of the King *in capite,* on condition that the said Robert and Avice and their heirs shall pay the said Geoffrey etc., £10, in payments of 10 sh. at Michaelmas and Easter, beginning at Michaelmas next. Power of re-entry, if in default. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Bayly, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Pury, John Bomell, Thomas Budde, Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 2nd May, 10 Henry V. [1422].

358.

WILL OF WALTER CODMOUR.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 2nd March, 9 Henry V. [1422], was exhibited the will of Walter Codmour, of Dorchester, dated 1420, containing, *inter alia,* "I bequeath to Edith, my wife, and to Thomas Budde, of Dorchester, and their heirs, my tenement on the north side of East Street, between tenements of the Prior of Mayne on the west and of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the east." Livery of seisin to Edith and Thomas of a moiety of the said tenement. (*Cf.* 94, 359.)

359.

RECORD FOR ADAM TYREL.

To the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 4th May, 10 Henry V. [1422], came Adam Tyrel and shewed a certain record of the last will of Walter Codmour in these words: "Memorandum that on Friday, 4 May, 1421, 9 Henry V., Walter Codemour, *alias dictus* Walysch, of Dorchester, declared his last will . . . in presence of Robert Bertram, one of the Bailiffs, Richard Brans, John Vogke, and William Hykkes, burgesses, in the

following form, I bequeath a moiety of my burgage, in which I dwell, on the north side of East Street, Dorchester, to Edith, my wife, and her heirs, and the other moiety to Adam Tyrell and Edith, his wife, my daughter, and their heirs, to hold of the King *in capite*." In witness of the premises we, the said Robert, Richard, John and William, *intuitu caritatis*, at the request of the said Adam and Edith, have affixed our seals to these presents, and because our seals are unknown to many we have procured to be affixed the seal of the official of the Archdeacon of Dorset in full chapter held at Westauorde [West Stafford], 18th February, the year aforesaid. "*Virtute hujus facti*," but no more is added. (*Cf.* 94, 358.)

360.

CHARTER OF JOHN ARTOUR AND JOHN DON.

William Bastard grants to John Artour and John Don, and their heirs, his burgage on the north side of West Street, between tenements of John Jurdan on the east and William Hore on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Bayli, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, John Pyry, Thomas Budde, John Bomel, and others. Dorchester, 6 September, 10 Henry V. [1422]. (The King died 31st August, but the news had not reached Dorchester on 6th September, when the Charter was made.)

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JOHN BOMEL, WILLIAM TAYLOUR, } Bailiffs, 1 Henry VI. [1422-3].

361.

CHARTER OF HENRY BRICE.

Richard Wedone grants to Henry Brice and his heirs his burgage on the east side of Frerenelane, Dorchester, between tenements of Thomas Tannere, of Cerne, on the north, and of Robert Baker on the south, which he lately had by bequest of John Wedon, his father, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pyri, sen., and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Baker, Robert Mose, John Pyry, jun., John Bomel, and others. Dorchester, 12th May, 8 Henry V. [1420]. (*Cf.* 68.)

362.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BUDDE AND JOHN MERCHANT, CLERK.

Roger Beterok, of Fordyngton, and John Cerle, of Dorchester, grant to Thomas Budde, of Dorchester, and John Merchant, clerk, of the same, and their heirs, their tenement situate in a certain corner next Durnelane, Dorchester, opposite the toft of John Schyrewode on the east, which tenement they lately had by bequest of Henry Prest, *alias dictus* Webbe, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Robert Mose, Thomas Wyke, Thomas Baker, John Pyry, and others. Dorchester, 9th November, 1 Henry VI. [1422]. (*Cf.* 336, 380.)

363.

CHARTER OF JOHN BYSSCHUP.

Joan Foulis, of Stratton, grants to John Bysscup, of Dorchester, and his heirs, her tenement on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Abbot of Bynedon on the east and that late Richard Dure's on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomel and William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, Robert Mose, John Pyry, Thomas Baker, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after Epiphany, 1 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 157.)

364.

WILL OF ROBERT GRENELYF, *alias* BAKER, OF DORCHESTER.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 4th August, 9 Henry V. [1421], was exhibited the will of Robert Greynelif, *alias* Baker, of Dorchester, dated 4th March, 1420, 8 Henry V., containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to John Morton, clerk, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Robert Mose, and their heirs, all lands, tenements, etc., in Dorchester, and Melcumbe Regis, to hold of the King *in capite*. Also I bequeath to the same three silver cups with their covers, of my better cups, viz., to each of them one cup with cover, and their value to be distributed to the poor for my soul and the souls of my wives; and all the aforesaid lands, etc., to be sold; and the proceeds to be distributed to the poor as well for my soul and the souls of my father and mother, as for the souls of Elianor lately my wife, and of my other wives, and of all my benefactors." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 10, 366, 367, 369, 417, 420.)

365.

WILL OF JOHN KNYGHT.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 15th February 1 Henry VI. [1423], was exhibited the will of John Knyght of Dorchester, dated 26th September, 1422, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Joan, my wife, and her heirs, my burgage on the south side of the King's High Street, between burgages of Alice Knyt on the west and of Walter Kyng on the east." Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 223, 368.)

366.

CHARTER OF JOHN ARTOUR AND MATILDA, HIS WIFE.

Richard Bertlot, clerk, John Morton, clerk, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Robert Mose, of Dorchester, have granted to John Artour, of Dorchester, and Matilda, his wife, and their heirs, their tenement on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of Richard Byrell on the east and that of the said John Artour on the west, in which the said John Artour now dwells, and formerly was John Grenlyf's, baker, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Pury, Thomas Budde, Thomas Wyke, John Martyn, William Spyney, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next before the Purification of Blessed Mary, 1 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 10, 11, 364, 367, 419.)

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367.

CHARTER OF JOHN ARTOUR AND MATILDA, HIS WIFE.

John Morton, clerk, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Robert Mose, of Dorchester, grant to John Artour, of Dorchester, baker, and Matilda, his wife, and their heirs, their two acres of arable land as they lie in "les West Walls" of Dorchester, of which one acre lies between the land of the Chantry of John Seward (*terram Cantarie Johannis Seward*) on the west, and that of the Rector of Holy Trinity of Dorchester on the east, and extends in length from north to south, and one half-acre lies between land of Thomas Fary[n]gdon on the east and land of the said Rector on the west, and extends in length from north to south, and another half-acre lies between land of Thomas Faryngdon on the north, and land

late of John Iwe on the south, and extends in length from east to west, and were formerly Robert Grenlyf's, of Dorchester, baker, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wyke, Reginald Jacob, John Pury, Thomas Budde, John Martyn, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next after the Purification Blessed Mary, 1 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 364, 366.)

368.

Will of John Knyght, of Dorchester.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 7th March, 1 Henry VI. [1423], was exhibited the will of John Knyght, of Dorchester, dated 26th September, 1422, containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Joan, my wife, and her heirs, my burgage on the south side of High East Street (*alto vico regio orientali*), between burgages of Alice Knyghtt on the west, and of Walter King on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*." Livery of seisin. (*Cf*, 223, 365.)

369.

Charter of William Taylour and Thomas Pynet, clerk.

Alice, late wife of John Jurdan, deceased, in her pure widowhood, and John Jurdan, son and heir of the said John, grant to William Taylour, of Dorchester, and Thomas Pynet, clerk, and their heirs, their tenement in Dorchester, except the farm buildings (*grangia*) of the said tenement, in the outer part, reserved to the said Alice for life, with free ingress and egress, situate on the west side of South Street, between the tenement of the said Alice on the south and that of John Burleg on the north, which tenement was formerly Nicholas Collings', husband of said Alice. They grant also to the said William and Thomas the reversion of a certain Dayne of land (*cujusdam Dayne terre*) lying at the west end of the curtilage of the said tenement, after the death of Alice, which Dayne of land Robert Sutton lately acquired to her, the said Alice, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomell, then Bailiff with the said William, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Budde, Robert Mose, John Pury, Thomas Wyke, John Martyn, and others. Dorchester, 5th May, 1 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* la Dayne, 28, 212, 489, 511, 524, 592.)

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370.

CHARTER OF RICHARD BARBOUR AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

William Taylour, of Dorchester, grants by indenture to Richard Barbour and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement late Robert Sutton's on the north and that late Thomas Souecok's on the south, which he acquired of William Cole, helier, to hold of the King *in capite*, on condition that the said Richard and Joan pay the grantor £7 6s. 8d., in quarterly payments of 40 pence, commencing at Michaelmas next. Power of re-entry in default. Warranty. Witnesses to each part, John Bomel, then Bailiff with the said William Taylour, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wike, Thomas Bayly, Thomas Budde, Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, Friday in the feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle, 1 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 239.)

371.

FEOFFMENT OF THOMAS BUDDE, JOHN KYCHON, WILLIAM SPYNEY AND JOHN ARTOUR.

John Jurdan, sen., of Wolueton, and Thomas Pynot, clerk, grant to Thomas Budde, John Kychon, William Spyney and John Artour, and their heirs, their tenement with curtilage and dovehouse on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement late Robert Baker's and now John Artour's on the west, and that of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter, Dorchester, on the east, which they, together with William Forde, now deceased, lately had by the feoffment of William Bastard, of Dorchester, and John Frye, of Wyrdesford, and formerly was William Wyche's, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taillour, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Pury, John Martyn, Thomas Baker, William Porlond, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after feast of Corpus Christi, 1 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 372, 441.)

372.

RELEASE OF THOMAS BUDDE, JOHN KYCHON, WILLIAM SPYNEY AND JOHN ARTOUR.

Richard Beryll, of Tatton, Dorset, jentelman, releases to John Budde, John Kychon, William Spyney and John

Artour in possession all right in the tenement, curtilage and dovehouse named in the preceding feoffment. Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taillour, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Pury, John Martyn, Thomas Baker, William Portland, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next after the feast of Corpus Christi, 1 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 371, 441.)

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373.

CHARTER OF THOMAS PYNET, CLERK, AND JOHN HONTE.

Emmota Goldsmyth, daughter of late John Goldsmyth, of Dorchester, grants to Thomas Pynet, clerk, and John Honte, of Dorchester, and their heirs, her tenement on the west side of the lane which leads from High West Street to the North Gate, between the tenement of Edith Goldsmyth, her mother, on the north and that of Thomas Crymelforde on the south, which she had by the bequest of John Goldsmyth, her father, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, Robert Mose, Thomas Budde, John Pyri, and others. Dorchester, the feast of the Nativity, B.M., 2 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 45, 189, 349, 377.)

374.

CHARTER OF THOMAS WAREYN, CLERK, ROBERT MOSE AND WILLIAM SPYNEY.

Thomas Bayly, of Dorchester, grants to Thomas Wareyn, parson of the parish church of Holy Trinity there, Robert Mose, and William Spyney, and their heirs, his burgage on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between burgages of John Don and Thomas Archour, which he formerly had by grant of William Ayssh, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, Robert Bertram, John Pury, John Honte, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next before the feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, 2 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 378.)

375.

CHARTER OF JOHN MERCHAUNT, THOMAS PYNOT, CLERK, ROBERT MOSE AND WILLIAM HIKKES.

Alice Crauels, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to John Merchaunt, Thomas Pynot, clerks, Robert Mose and William Hykkes, and their heirs, all her lands, tenements, etc., in Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Bertram and John Hount, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Reginald Jacob, John Bomel, Thomas Baker, John Purye, and others. Dorchester, 10th April, 9 Henry V. [1421].

376.

CHARTER OF JOHN BOCKE, *alias dictus* CHOUDE, AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Bomell grants to John Bocke, *alias dictus* Choude, and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, his shop (*vnam schoppam meam*) on the west side of the High Street, Dorchester, which leads to the Friars Minors, between the shop late of Henry Brooke on the south, and another shop of the said John Bomell on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Taylour, with me Bailiff of Dorchester, Thomas Wyke, Robert Mose, Thomas Budde, John Pury, John Honte, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next after the feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross, 2 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 197, 198, 199.)

377.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BAYLY AND EMMOTA, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Pynet, clerk, and John Honte, grant to Thomas Bayly, of Dorchester, and Emmota, his wife, and their heirs, their tenement on the west side of a lane which leads from High West Street to the North Gate, between tenements of Edith Goldsmyth, mother of said Emmota, on the north, and of Thomas Crymelforde on the south, which they had by grant of the said Emmota. Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wyke, Robert Mose, Thomas Budde, John Pury, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the Vigil of St. Matthew, Apostle, 2 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 349, 373.)

378.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BAYLY AND EMMOTA, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Wareyn, parson of the parish church of Holy Trinity of Dorchester, Robert Mose, and William Spyneye, of the same, grant to Thomas Bayly and Emmota, his wife, and their heirs, their burgage on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between burgages of John Don and Thomas Arechor, which the grantors had of Thomas Bayly, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, Thomas Budde, John Pury, John Honte, and others. Dorchester, Monday in Vigil of St. Matthew, Apostle, 2 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 374.)

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379.

CHARTER OF JOHN CREYDE, *aliter dictus* KYCHENE, AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Budde and Richard Bertlot, chaplain, executors of the will of Emmota, late wife of William Pullar, grant to John Creyde, otherwise Kychene, of Dorchester, baker, and Agnes, his wife, and their heirs, a tenement in the parish of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, on the north side of West Street, between the cemetery of the said church on the east and the tenement of John Jurdan on the west, which they had with John Elisaundre, their co-executor (who had quitclaimed all right in the same) by bequest of the said Emmota, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Thomas Westhalle, Robert Bertram, John Pury, John Martyn, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before Michaelmas, 2 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 285, 297, 298.)

380.

CHARTER OF JOHN CERLE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Budde, of Dorchester, draper, and John Merchant, clerk, of the same, grant to John Cerle, of the same, "Kyuerlyt Webbe," and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, their tenement in a certain corner next Durnelane, Dorchester, lately of Henry Preest, *alias dictus* Webbe, opposite the toft of John Schyrewode on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, John Bomell and William Taylor, then Bailiffs, Reginald

Jacob, Thomas Wyke, Robert Mose, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before Michaelmas, 2 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 336, 362.)

381.

CHARTER OF JOHN THURSTEYN.

John Bomell grants to John Thursteyn, smyth, and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of Pyselane, Dorchester, between the burgages of Walter Chyriel on the west and of Philip Taylour of Strotton on the east, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, William Taylor, then Bailiff with John Bomell, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Wyke, Robert Mose, John Purie, John Honte, and others. Dorchester, Sunday next after Michaelmas, 2 Henry VI. [1423].

382.

CHARTER OF JOHN PLAYS.

Thomas Oliuer and Alice, his wife, of Dorchester, grant to John Plays, of Sydelyng, and his heirs, a burgage called "La Pentys," in the High Street, which they had by bequest of John Skynner, of Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, John Bomell, William Taylour, then Bailiffs, Reginald Jacob, John Pyry, Robert Mose, Thomas Baker, Thomas Wyke, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next after Michaelmas, 2 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 41, 53, 165, 388.)*

THOMAS WYKE, WILLIAM SPYNEY, } Bailiffs, 2 Henry VI. [1423-4].

383.

WILL OF REGINALD JACOB.

"In the name of God, Amen. Tuesday next after the feast of the Epiphany, A.D. 1423, I Reginald Jacob, of Dorchester, make my will in this manner. First, I bequeath my soul to God and my body to holy burial . . . of St. Peter of Dorchester aforesaid. Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Sarum, 12d. Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. Peter aforesaid, 12d. Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Charmynstre one sheep

* The original deed is in B. 66; one seal of red wax with merchant's mark, the other gone.

(*bidentem*). Item, I bequeath to the church or chapel of Waltereston, a sheep. Item, I bequeath to Robert, my brother, one silver cup. Item, I bequeath to John, my brother, one silver cup. Item, I bequeath to John Fauntleroy, of co. Dorset, my second best silver cup with cover and one *polium* [? pelvem] with laver (*lavacro*). Item, I bequeath to Joan, my wife, my whole tenement in Dorchester aforesaid, with dovehouse annexed, situate together at the West Gate of the same town, to have and to hold to the said Joan for the term of her life, so that after the death of the same Joan the whole of the said tenement, with dovehouse and their appurtenances, may remain to John, my bastard son, his heirs and assigns for ever. Item, I bequeath to the said Joan, my wife, all other my tenements with their appurtenances in Dorchester aforesaid, to have and to hold to the said Joan for the term of her life. Item, I bequeath to each godson of mine one sheep (*ovem*). Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the chapel of the Blessed Katharine of Markesewe, in com. Cornwall, one missal. The residue moreover of my goods and chattels not bequeathed I bequeath to the said Joan, my wife, to dispose and ordain of them, as shall best and most freely please her. And to execute my will in all things as is aforesaid I ordain, make and constitute the aforesaid Joan, my wife, John Fauntleroy, and John Jacob, my son, chaplain, my executors." (*Cf.* 431, 440.)

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JOHN FRAMPTON, ROBERT BERTRAM, } Bailiffs, 3 Henry VI. [1424-5].

384.

CHARTER OF THOMAS BUDDE AND WILLIAM SPYNEY.

John, son and heir of John Duddill, grants to Thomas Budde and Walter Spyney, and their heirs, his burgage on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between burgages of William Hore on the east and of John Don on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Robert Mose, John Pury, Thomas Baylly, John Don, and others. Dorchester, penultimate day of April, 3 Henry VI. [1425]. (*Cf.* 414.)

385.

CHARTER OF THOMAS PYNET, THOMAS MOSE AND JOHN PURIE.

Thomas Bakere grants to Thomas Pynet, clerk, Robert Mose and John Purye, and their heirs, his tenement on the south side of East Street, Dorchester, between tenements of the Abbot of Byndon on the east, and of John Shirborne on the west, to hold of the King and his heirs. Witnesses, John Frampton and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wyke, Thomas Baylli, John Honte, Thomas Budde, John Belhous, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. George, Martyr, 3 Henry VI. [1425]. (*Cf.* 110, 111, 401, 436-8, 463-4.)

386.

WILL OF JOHN BYSSHOP.

"In the name of God, Amen. 2 Sept., 1424, I John Bysshopp, of Fordyngton, of sound mind and memory, make my will in this manner. First, etc. Item, I bequeath to Joan, my wife, for life my tenement on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, and on her death to revert to my next heirs, to hold of the King *in capite*." The present will was approved in full Court, Monday next after the feast of Translation of St. Thomas, Martyr, 3 Henry VI. [1424], and livery of seisin was made to Joan, the relict and executrix. Sealed by the seal of office of the Bailiffs, John Frampton and Robert Bertram.

JOHN FRAMPTON, ROBERT BERTRAM, } Bailiffs, 3 Henry VI. [1424-5].

387.

WILL OF SCOLASTICA, RELICT OF ROBERT BURLOK, OF DORCHESTER.

"In the name of God, Amen. 16 March, 1424, I Scolastica, late wife of Robert Burlok, of Dorchester. In primis, I bequeath my soul to God, etc. Item, I bequeath to John Sabston, husband of Joan, my daughter, and their heirs, the burgage which I lately had by the bequest of Robert Burlok, my husband, lying in Durnelane, Dorchester, between burgages of John Diluerton on the east and of John Forbour on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*." This will was

approved in full Court, 18 June, 3 Henry VI. [1425], before John Frampton and Robert Bertram, Bailiffs, and sealed by their seal of office. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 102, 356.)

388.

WILL OF ALICE, RELICT OF THOMAS OLIUER.

"In the name, etc. 6 May, 1425, I, Alice, wife of Thomas Oliuer, of Dorchester, late wife of John Skynnere, of the same, bequeath to the said Thomas my place in Dorchester called la Peyntys, situate in a certain corner opposite the corner of the Abbot and Convent of Cerne, on the south of the High Street, containing in length 26 feet, and in breadth 8 feet. Also I bequeath to the said Thomas Oliuer, my husband, and his heirs, my burgage with curtilage on the south side of the lane which leads from South Street towards Durnegate, and next the burgage of the Prior and Convent of Christ Church on the west, to hold of the King *in capite.*" Approved in full Court, Monday next after the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas, Martyr, 3 Henry VI. [1424], before John Frampton and Robert Bertram, Bailiffs, and sealed with their seal of office. Livery of seisin. (*Cf.* 41, 53, 165, 382.)

389.

CHARTER OF HENRY BRYOZ.

Sarah, late wife of Roger Cras, daughter and heir of Thomas Bakhammulle, and Philippa, his wife, in her pure widowhood grants to Henry Brioz and his heirs her tenement on the north side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the tenement formerly John Pensent's, but now John Drake's, on the east, and a lane called Glidelane on the west, with all other her lands and tenements in Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Westhalle, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wike, John Honte, Richard Brewes, William Taylour, William Portland, and others. Dorchester, Wednesday next before feast of St. Matthias, Apostle, 9 Henry V. [1422].

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WRITING OF JOHN GOUYTZ.

John Jacob, citizen and brewer (*pandoxator*) of London, reciting that Reginald Jacob has lately bequeathed to him

a messuage, curtilage and dovehouse in Dorchester, all which John Gouytz, of Winterborne Assheton, Dorset, on Monday next after the feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle, 3 Henry VI. recovered against him and Joan, late wife of the said Reginald, by brief of novel disseisin, prosecuted before John Frampton and Robert Bertram, Bailiffs, in the Court of the said town, releases to John Goytz and his heirs all right in the premises. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton and Robert Bertram, Bailiffs, Robert Remston, Thomas Faryngdon, Robert Mose, Thomas Westhalle, John Purye, William Tayllour, John Honte, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next after the feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle, 3 Henry VI. [1425].

391.

WILL OF ALICE JURDAN.

"In the name, etc. 20 March, 1424, I, Alice Jurdane, bequeath to John Jurdan, my son, and his heirs, two tofts situate on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, one lying next the tenement of William Tayllour, the other next that of Thomas Godfray, to hold of the King *in capite*." Approved in full Court, Monday next after the feast of the Translation of St. John (?), Martyr, 3 Henry VI., before John Frampton and Robert Bertram, Bailiffs, and sealed with their seal of office. Livery of seisin.

JOHN MARTYN, PETER MALLYNG, } Bailiffs, 4 Henry VI. [1425-6].

392.

CHARTER OF JOHN WELLES, VICAR OF FORDYNGTON.

John Preste, *alias dictus* Webbe, Burgess of Dorchester, and Matilda, his wife, grant to John Welles, Perpetual Vicar of the church of Fordyngton, and his heirs, a tenement with curtilage adjoining, on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements late Edward Goulde's on the north and late William Forde's on the south. They also grant the said John all their goods and chattels, moveable and immoveable, within the said Borough. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Wike, William Spyney, then Bailiffs, John Pury, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, John Martyne, Thomas Bodde, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next before the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 2 Henry VI. [1423]. (*Cf.* 393.)

393.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF JOHN WELLES, VICAR OF FORDYNGTON.

To the Court, Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of All Saints, 4 Henry VI. [1425], came John Preste and Matilda, his wife, before John Hunte and Peter Skyner, Bailiffs, and John Jurdan, Steward, and many other Burgesses, and acknowledged the tenement on the west side of South Street, between burgages of the Master of St. John of Dorchester on the north, and of Thomas Hopekyns on the south, to be the right of John Welles, clerk, which he had by their grant to hold to him and his heirs of the King. Warranty. And for this acknowledgment and warranty John Welles gave the said John and Matilda £27. Sealed with the Bailiff's seal of office. (*Cf.* 392.)

394.

CHARTER OF ROBERT VEEL.

William Rouke, clerk, grants to Robert Veel, of Frome Whitefeld, and Alice, his wife, and the heirs of Robert, all his burgages, lands and tenements in Dorchester, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, Peter Skynner, John Martyn, then Bailiffs, Thomas Bailly, Thomas Budde, John Artour, Robert Ayssh, John Purye, and others. Dorchester, Friday in feast of Conversion of St. Paul, 4 Henry VI. [1426].

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395.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MOSE.

Nicholas Pury, John Pury, John Thursteyn and William Portland grant to Robert Mose and his heirs their tenement on the west side of South Street, between tenements of Richard Brewes on the south, and of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in a corner, on the north, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Wyke and William Spyny, then Bailiffs, John Jurdan, Robert Bertram, John Martyn, Thomas Bailly, Robert Childecombe, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 2 Henry VI. [1424].

396.

CHARTER OF THOMAS FARYNGDON, ROBERT TREDOSA, JOHN CHYUERELL AKD JOHN WHYTHYDD, CLERK.

John Mourton, clerk, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Robert Mose, executors of the will of Robert Greynlyf, *aliter dictus* Baker, of Dorchester, grant to Thomas Faryngdon, Robert Tredosa, John Chyuerell and John Whythydde, clerk, and their heirs, their burgage on the east side of Market Street (*in vico mercato*) between burgages late of Joan Prentes on the south, and late of Robert Crokker on the north, which the grantors lately had by will of said Robert Greynlyf. Witnesses, John Hunt and Peter Skynnere, *alias dictus* Mallyng, then Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, John Pury, William Spyney, William Foulere, Thomas Budde, and many others. Dorchester, Saturday, 19th January, 4 Henry VI. [1426].

397.

RELEASE OF ROBERT MOSE.

John Govyzt, cousin and heir of Robert Martyn, Knight, reciting that Robert Mose, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, have and hold to them, and the heirs of Robert Mose, a tenement with curtilage in Dorchester, formerly William Gay's, of Fordyngton, on the east side of South Street, between a tenement formerly William Adam's on the south, and that of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the north, releases to said Robert Mose, etc., all right in the premises. Witnesses, John Neburgh with John Frampton and Robert Bertram, Bailiffs, John Neburgh, jun., Henry Govyzt, Thomas Faryngdon, Robert Tredos, Robert Veel, John Jurdan, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the Nativity B.V. Mary, 4 Henry VI. [1425].

398.

WILL OF WILLIAMA, RELICT OF RICHARD LONDON, OF DORCHESTER.

"In the name, etc. Friday next after the Sunday on which is sung '*Quasi modo geniti*,' 1425, I, Williama London, wife of Richard London, fisherman (*piscator*), of Dorchester, . . . bequeath to Richard, my husband, for life, my house on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Chantry of Blessed Mary, of St. Peter, on the north,

and that of William Portland on the south, and then to remain to Richard Newman, of Preston, and his heirs." Approved in full Court, 15th April, 4 Henry VI. [1426] before John Martyn and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, and sealed with their seal of office. Livery of seisin.

399.

CHARTER OF LAURENCE CHAMBERLEYN AND EDITH (*sic*), HIS WIFE.

John Jurdan, of Wolueton, grants by indenture to Laurence Chamberleyn and Elena (*sic*), his wife, and their heirs, his burgage on the north side of West Street, which he lately had by feoffment of Richard Berill, between tenements of William Crymelforde on the east and of William Bastard on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*, on condition that the grantees pay £8, in quarterly payments of 3s. 4d. each for 12 years. Power of re-entry. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Wyke and William Spyney, then Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Thomas Budde, and others. Dorchester, 1st May, 2 Henry VI. [1424].

400.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MOSE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Gouytz and Robert Veel, executors of the will of John Sywerd, sen., grant to Robert Mose and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of Robert, a burgage on the south side of West Street, called Heyestret (*in occidentali vico vocato Heyestret*), between burgages of the said Robert Mose on the east and of Robert Cokeman, of Waymouth, on the west, which, together with Robert Belle, clerk, now deceased, they lately had by bequest of the said John Syward, to hold of the King. Witnesses, John Frampton and Robert Bertram, then Bailiffs, Thomas Wyke, John Honte, Thomas Budde, John Belhous, Walter Chyriell, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next after the feast of St. Matthias, Apostle, 3 Henry VI. [1425]. (*Cf.* 41.)

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THOMAS WESTHALL, RICHARD WEBBE, } Bailiffs, 5 Henry VI. [1426-7].

401.

RELEASE OF THOMAS BAKERE.

Thomas Pynet, clerk, Robert Mose and John Purye, release to Thomas Baker and his heirs all right in a tenement

on the south side of East Street, Dorchester, between tenements of the Abbot and Convent of Byndon on the east, and of John Shyrbourne on the west, which they lately had by grant of the same Thomas Bakere. Witnesses, John Honte and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, Thomas Westhalle, Robert Bertram, Thomas Budde, Richard Webbe, John Thursteyn, and others. Dorchester, Monday next after the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 4 Henry VI. [1426]. (*Cf.* 110, 111, 385.)

402.

CHARTER OF ROBERT CHILDECOMBE AND AUICE, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Wyke grants to Robert Childecombe, of Dorchester, and Auice, his wife, and the heirs of Robert, his tenement on the west side of South Street, between tenements of the Abbot of Bynedon on the south and of Thomas Hopekyns on the north, which he had by feoffment of Robert More, Esq., John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and John Westpray. He grants also to the same a place of land of curtilage of the said tenement, lying at the west end of the curtilage, containing in length 50 feet, and in breadth 28 feet, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Honte and Peter Mallyng, then Bailiffs, Robert Mose, John Purie, John Frampton, Thomas Bayly, Thomas Budde, William Tayllour, John Belhous, and others. Dorchester, Sunday next before the feast of St. Gregory, Pope, 4 Henry VI. [1426]. (*Cf.* 243, 258-260.)

403.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM MOURTON.

William Burgeys and Joan, his wife, grant to William Mourton, sen., of Milbourne St. Andrew, and his heirs, their burgage with curtilage on the south side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between a place of John Shydde on the west and a lane which leads towards Durnegate, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Westhalle and Richard Webbe, then Bailiffs, Robert Mose, John Purye, Robert Bertram, William Tayllour, John Belhous, Thomas Wilton, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, 5 Henry VI. [1426]. (*Cf.* 404.) [In the warranty both the grantor and grantee are called *Walter*, instead of *William*.]

404.

[FINAL CONCORD OF WILLIAM MOURTON.]

Final Concord made in the Court of our Lady Joan, Queen of England, held at Dorchester, 11th October, 5 Henry VI. [1426], before Thomas Westhall and Richard Webbe, Bailiffs of the said Lady Joan, Queen, and others, between William Mourton, plaintiff, and Walter Burgeys and Joan, his wife, deforciants, concerning the burgage with curtilage mentioned in the preceding charter, whereby the said Walter and Joan acknowledge the premises to be the right of the said William and his heirs, which he had by the gift of the said Walter and Joan, to hold of the chief lord of the fee. Warranty. For which acknowledgment and warranty the said William gave them £4. In witness the Bailiffs have affixed the seal of our Lady the Queen of their office (*sigillum domine Regine officii sui*). (*Cf.* 403.)

405.

CHARTER OF RICHARD WEBBE, *alias dictus* SMYTH.

John Wellys, Vicar of the Church of Fordyngton, grants to Richard Webbe, *alias dictus* Smyth, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a tenement with curtilage on the west side of South Street, between tenement late Edward Goulde's on the north, and that of Thomas Hopkyn, which lately was William Forde's, on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Westhall and Richard Webbe, then Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Robert Mose, John Pury, John Thurstayn, and many others. Dorchester, 2nd October, 6 Henry VI. [1427].

406.

CHARTER OF THOMAS PYNET, CLERK, AND ROBERT MOSE.

Peter Mallyng, *alias dictus* Peter Skynner, grants to Thomas Pynet, clerk, and Robert Mose, and their heirs, his tenement on the north side of High West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of the Prior of the Hospital (*Prioris hospitalis*) of St. John of Jerusalem in England on the east, and of John Dyluerton on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Thomas Westhall and Richard Webbe, then Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Thomas Godfray, and many others. 1st October, 6 Henry VI. [1427]. (*Cf.* 220, 235, 409.)

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ROBERT MOSE, THOMAS BUDDE, } Bailiffs, 6 Henry VI. [1427-8].

407.

CHARTER OF NICHOLAS DAUY.

Edith, late wife of Simon Berde, carpenter, grants to Nicholas Dauy, of Loders, and his heirs, a tenement with curtilage on the north side of West Street, between tenements of John Jurdan on the west and of Alienore, late wife of John Skryven, of Stratton, on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Sealed by the grantor and by the Bailiffs, "*quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.*" Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, John Hunte, Thomas Westhall, Richard Webbe, and many others. Dorchester, 2nd December, 6 Henry VI. [1427]. (*Cf.* 42, 88, 466.)

408.

CHARTER OF JOHN NYWETON, SMYTH, OF LYTTON.

Walter Bouer, of Dorchester, grants to John Nywton, of Lytton, Smyth, and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of East Street, Dorchester, between burgages of William Portlond on the east and of John Frampton, of Mersshwodevale, on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Westhalle and Richard Webbe, then Bailiffs, Robert Mose, John Purye, Robert Bertram, John Honte, William Tayllour, John Thursteyn, John Cowde, and others. Dorchester, Friday in feast of the Assumption B.M.V., 5 Henry VI. [1427]. (*Cf.* 480.)

409.

CHARTER OF PETER MALLYNG AND ABREA, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Pynet, clerk, and Robert Mose, grant to Peter Mallyng, *alias dictus* Peter Skynnere, and Abrea, his wife, and their heirs, a tenement on the north side of West Street between tenements of the Prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England on the east, and of John Dyluerton on the west, which they had by the feoffment of the said Peter, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Thomas Westhalle and Richard Webbe, then Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert

Bertram, Thomas Godfray, and many others. Dorchester, 2nd October, 6 Henry VI. [1427]. (*Cf.* 220, 235, 406.) [Abrea is called Habra in 513.]

410.

CHARTER OF ROBERT CHILDECOMBE, ROBERT MOSE, AND THOMAS PYNET, CLERK.

William Fytheler grants to Robert Childecombe, Robert Mose, and Thomas Pynet, clerk, and their heirs, two burgages with curtilages on the north side of Pyslane, Dorchester, between a barn of John Kychene on the west and a burgage of William Paye, *aliter dictus* Persones, on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Hunte and Peter Mallyng, then Bailiffs, Thomas Baylly, Thomas Budde, Robert Bertram, William Taillour, Richard Webbe, and others. Dorchester, 23rd January, 4 Henry VI. [1426]. (*Cf.* 411, 432.)

411.

CHARTER OF JOHN MOSE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Robert Childecombe, Robert Mose, and Thomas Pynet, clerk, grant to John Mose and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, a burgage which they lately had by the feoffment of William Fytheler on the north side of Pyslane, Dorchester, between the barn of John Kychen on the west, and the burgage which they lately had by the feoffment of the said William Fytheler on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, John Hunte, Burgesses, and others. Dorchester, 26th April, 6 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 410.)

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412.

CHARTER OF THOMAS PYNET, CLERK, AND PETER MALLYNG.

Margery, late wife of William Spycer, of Dorchester, deceased, grants to Thomas Pynet, clerk, and Peter Mallyng and their heirs, her tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement late of John Byncombe, clerk, on the north, and that of John Belhous on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Richard Webbe, and many others. Dorchester, 20th April, 6 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 413.)

413.

THOMAS GODFRAY AND MARGERY, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Pynet, clerk, and Peter Mallyng, grant to Thomas Godfray and Margery, his wife, and their heirs, a tenement on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between a tenement late of John Byncombe, clerk, on the north, and that of John Belhous, on the south, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Richard Webbe, John Hunte, Robert Chyltecombe, and others. Dorchester, 1st May, 6 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 412.)

414.

CHARTER OF NICHOLAS PYRES AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Budde and William Spyney grant to Nicholas Pyres and Agnes, his wife, and their heirs, their burgage on the north side of West Street, between the burgage of William Hore on the east, and the burgage late John Don's on the west, which they lately had by feoffment of John Duddill, son and heir of John Duddill, to hold of the King *in capite.* Witnesses, Robert Mose, then Bailiff with the said Thomas Budde, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, John Pury, sen., John Pury, jun., Thomas Westhall, John Thursteyn, and others. Dorchester, 20th September, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 384.)

415.

RELEASE OF JOHN DUDDILL, SON AND HEIR OF JOHN DUDDILL.

Nicholas Pyres and Agnes, his wife, release to John Duddill, son and heir of John Duddill, all right in the tenement which the said John Duddill, the son, has by grant of John Morton, clerk, and Robert Mose, on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Thomas Mallyng, Skynnere, on the west and of Henry Bonevyle on the east. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, then Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, John Pury, sen., John Pury, jun., John Thurstayn, and others. Dorchester, 25th September, 7 Henry VI., *anno . . . septimo intrante* [1428]. (*Cf.* 417.)

416.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM FOULER, ROBERT DURNEFORD, AND JOHN FOULER.

William Portland, *alias dictus* Hykkes, of Dorchester, one of the executors of the will of John Goulde, deceased,

grants to William Fouler, Robert Durneford, and John Fouler, sen., and their heirs, his tenement in North Street, Dorchester, in the corner opposite the tenement of John Jurdan and formerly Nicholas Cole's, viz., on the east side of the said street, at the west end of Puselane, and on the south side of the said Puselane, together with all farm buildings (*grangia*) annexed, lying on the east side of the said tenement, between the tenement of Blessed Mary on the east, and the aforesaid tenement on the west, which tenement and farm buildings the grantor lately had with John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Reginald Jacob, now deceased, by bequest of John Gould, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, Bailiffs, John Frampton, John Cheuerell, John Pury, *Deygher* [*i.e.*, dyer], John Pury, mersour, John Artour, John Kychon, and others. Dorchester, Friday next before Michaelmas, 7 Henry VI. [1428].*

417.

CHARTER OF JOHN DUDDILL, SON AND HEIR OF JOHN DUDDILL.

John Morton, clerk, and Robert Mose, executors of the will of Robert Baker, *alias dictus* Grenelefe, grant to John Duddill, son and heir of John Duddill, and his heirs, a tenement on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Thomas Mallyng, skynnere, on the west and of Henry Boneuyle on the east, which lately, with John Jurdan deceased, he had by bequest of said Robert Baker, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Thomas Budde, Bailiff, with said Robert Mose, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Richard Webbe, John Hunte, and others. Dorchester, 23rd September, 7 Henry VI., *anno septimo intrante* [1428]. (*Cf.* 364, 415.)

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418.

CHARTER OF PETER SKYNNERE.

William Portlond, of Dorchester, executor of the will of John Gould, late of the same, grants to Peter Skynnere, of

* This Charter gives the position of Puse Lane, as it describes a tenement "quod situatum est in vico boriali in Angulo ex opposito tenemento Johannis Jurdan et quondam Nicholai Cole in Dorchestre predicta videlicet in parte orientali ejusdem vici ad finem occidentalem venelle vocate Puselane et in parte australi ejusdem venelle vocate Puselane."

Dorchester, and his heirs, a burgage in Dorchester, situate in the corner of a certain lane called Ilnenlane, *alias dictus* Puselane (*in angulo cujusdam venelle vocate Ilnenlane alias dicte Puselane*) between the said lane on the south, and the burgage of Robert Veel on the north, which the grantor together with John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Reginald Jacob, of Dorchester, deceased, lately had by bequest of John Gould, to hold of the King *in capite.* Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, John Pury, dyer, Thomas Westhall, and many others. 7th April, 6 Henry VI. [1428].

419.

CHARTER OF JOHN WHITHYD AND WILLIAM FOULERE.

John Artour, of Dorchester, baker, grants to John Whithyd, clerk, and William Fouler, and their heirs, his burgage on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the said John Artour on the west and that of William Fouler on the east, which the grantor had by the grant of John Morton, clerk, John Jurdan, of Wolueton, and Robert Mose, executors of the will of Robert Baker, *alias dictus* Grenelyf, to hold of the King *in capite.* Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, Bailiffs, John Frampton, John Pury, deygher, Robert Bertram, William Portland, John Barbour, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before Michaelmas, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 10, 11, 364, 366.)

420.

CHARTER OF JOHN PURY, JUN.

John Morton, clerk, and Robert Mose, executors of the will of Robert Baker, *alias dictus* Grenelefe, grant to John Pury, jun., and his heirs, a tenement on the south side of Pyselane, between tenements of John Kychen on the east and that late John Bomell's on the west, which the grantors with John Jurdan, deceased, had by bequest of Robert Baker, *alias* Grenelefe, to hold of the King *in capite.* Witnesses, Thomas Budde, then Bailiff with said Robert Mose, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, John Pury, sen., John Hunte, and others. Dorchester, 23rd September, 7 Henry VI. [1428], (*Cf.* 364, 428, 429.)

JOHN FRAMPTON, JOHN PURY, JUN. } Bailiffs, 7 Henry VI. [1428-9].

421.

[LETTER OF ATTORNEY] OF JOHN SHYPPER, CHAPLAIN, AND JOHN STERRE.

William Hore, of Brydeport, constitutes John Belhous and Henry Bustelle his attorneys, to deliver to John Shypper, chaplain, and John Sterre, of Brydeport, seisin in a tenement with curtilage in Dorchester. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 136, 137, 422.)

422.

CHARTER OF JOHN SHYPPER, CHAPLAIN, AND JOHN STERRE.

William Hore, of Brydeport, grants to John Shypper, chaplain, and John Sterre, of Brydeport, and their heirs, a messuage called le Stenenhous with curtilage on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Nicholas Pyrys late John Dodell's on the west, and of Henry Coupere on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fees. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton, John Pury, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Richard Webbe, John Belhous, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 136, 137, 421.)

423.

CHARTER OF RICHARD REDE, JUN.

Alice, late wife of John Jurdan, of Dorchester, deceased, daughter and heir of Alice, formerly wife of Richard Rede, sen., of Fordyngton, deceased, reciting that she and her late husband, John Jurdan, by indented charter of 16th April, 11 Henry IV. [1410], granted to Richard Rede, jun., her brother, of Fordyngton, her tenement with garden adjacent, which formerly belonged to said Richard Rede, sen., and Alice, her mother, as of the right of the said Alice, situate on west side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of John Pury, sen., on the north, and of William Helyer on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*, paying the grantors yearly for life a certain rent: Now the said Alice, late wife and one of the executors of the will of John Jurdan, in her pure widow-

hood confirms the said grant to Richard, her brother, to hold of the King *in capite*, rendering to her for life 20 pence only per annum. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Westhalle, Bailiffs, John Bomell, John Thurstayn, Walter Chyryell, John Belhous, Robert Burlok, and others. Dorchester, Sunday next before the feast of the Apostles Symon and Jude, 9 Henry V. [1421]. (*Cf.* 192.)

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CHARTER OF NICHOLAS FORSTER.

William Raynold, chaplain, *alias dictus* William Spenser, grants to Nicholas Forster, of Dorchester, Webbe, and his heirs, a burgage on south side of Pyselane, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Fraternity of the Holy Trinity of Dorchester on the west and that of John Frampton on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, Peter Skynner, John Hunte, and many others. 6th April, 6 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 533-38.)

425.

CHARTER OF RICHARD VICARY, AND AUICE, HIS WIFE.

Richard Calabre, *alias dictus* Richard Durant, of Dorchester, grants to Richard Vicary, of Dorchester, and Auice, his wife, and their heirs, a tenement on the west side of the lane which leads from East Street towards la Durnegate, Dorchester, between tenements of Walter Baron on the south and William Merchaunt on the north, which grantor had by grant of William Aysh, of Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton and John Pury, jun., Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, Richard Webbe, Robert Mose, John Pury, sen., John Martyn, and others. Dorchester, 26th December, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 187.)

426.

CHARTER OF JOHN BEEL.

Thomas Baker, of Dorchester, and Edith, his wife, grant to John Beel, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a tenement on the south side of the lane which leads from High South Street towards la Durnegate, between tenement of Prior of Christchurch on the west and that late Reginald Jacob's on the

east, which they had by grant of William Aysshe, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Witnesses, John Frampton and John Pury, jun., Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, Thomas Budde, and others. Dorchester, 2nd January, 7 Henry VI. [1429]. (*Cf.* 25, 29.)

427.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BAKER.

William Joule, son and heir of Robert Joule, of Tolpudele, grants to Robert Baker, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a tenement on the south side of Vlnenlane, Dorchester, between the tenement late Robert Duyner's on the east and that of Richard Stuyll on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Gardiner, William Adam, Bailiffs, Peter Blount, John Blount, William Wyther, William Nagard, William Pudell, John Duddell, and many others. Dorchester, Sunday next before Michaelmas, 17 Richard II. [1393].

428.

RELEASE TO ROBERT BAKER.

Cristina Fyssher releases to Robert Greynleff, *alias dictus* Baker, of Dorchester, all personal actions between them from the beginning of the world. Dorchester, 4th February, 4 Henry V. [1417]. (*Cf.* 429.)

429.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BAKER.

Cristina Fyssher grants to Robert Greynleff, *alias dictus* Baker, of Dorchester, and his heirs, her tenement on the south side of Puselane, between burgage of John Bomel on the west and of John Kychen on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, jun., then Bailiff, Reginald Jacob, Thomas Baker, John Pury, sen., John Goulde, Robert Mose, Richard Bertram, John Gouldesmyth, Robert Bertram, John Bomell and Thomas Bayly. Dorchester, Tuesday next before the feast of St. Mary Magdalen, 7 Henry V. [1419]. (*Cf.* 364, 420, 428.)

430.

CHARTER OF JOHN PURY, JUN., AND ALICE, HIS DAUGHTER.

John Meye grants to John Pury, jun., of Dorchester, mersour, and Alice, his daughter, and their heirs, his burgage

on the south side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the burgage late John Frome's on the west and that of Agnes, late wife of John Webbe on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton, then Bailiff, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, John Martyn, John Pury, sen., and others. Dorchester, 9th May, 7 Henry VI. [1429].

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431.

CHARTER OF THE FRATERNITY B.M.V.

John Jacob, clerk, son and heir of Reginald Jacob, deceased, and Joan, late wife of said Reginald, grant to Thomas Wareyn, clerk, Thomas Pynet, clerk, Robert Mose, Thomas Budde, Robert Bertram, Richard Webbe, John Pury, sen., Robert Ayssh, Robert Chyldecombe, William Baron, Robert Powke, and John Belhous, and their heirs, their tenement in North Street which leads towards the Friars Minors opposite the Cross on the north, between the tenement of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on the east and the pinfold of the community (*ponfaldum communitatis*) "*in vico boriali qui ducit versus fratres minores ex opposito cruci ex parte boriali*," on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton and John Pury, jun., Bailiffs, John Martyn, John Thurstayn, Peter Mallyng, Thomas Godfray, John Bertolet, and others. Dorchester, 20th April, 7 Henry VI. [1429]. (*Cf.* 383, 440.)

432.

CHARTER OF JOHN JURDAN, CLERK.

Roger Stude grants to John Jurdan, clerk, and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of Piselane, Dorchester, between the burgage of William Pay, *alias vocatus* William Persones, on the east, and the tenement of John Mose on the west, which he lately had by grant of Robert Chyldecombe, Robert Mose, and Thomas Pynet, clerk, and which they had by grant of William Fytheler, to hold of the King. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton, John Purye, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Ayssh, Robert Bertram, Richard Webbe, John Martyn, John Artour, John Thurstayn, and others. Dorchester, Tuesday next before the feast of the Nativity B.M.V., 8 Henry VI. [1429]. (*Cf.* 410.)

433.

CHARTER OF JOHN JURDAN, CLERK.

Agnes Tynam grants to John Jurdan, chaplain, and his heirs, a burgage in Durnelane, Dorchester, between the tenement of Henry Vyvyer on the east and that late Henry Chylde's, which she had by bequest of John Fyuyan, and which the said John previously acquired of the executors of the will of John Syward, sen., to hold of the King. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frompton, John Purye, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, Richard Webbe, Robert Ayssh, Thomas Budde, and others. Dorchester, Saturday next after the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas, Martyr, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 86.)

434.

[CHARTER OF ROBERT MOSE AND OTHERS.]

John Govytz and Robert Veel, executors of the will of John Syward, sen., grant to Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, Richard Webbe, Thomas Budde, Robert Ayssh, John Goldsmyth, Peter Skynnere, of Dorchester, and John Russell, and their heirs, a burgage which, with Robert Belle, clerk, deceased, they lately had by bequest of John Syward in Melcombe Regis, which burgage was formerly Laurence Jenyn's. Also two burgages in Dorchester, similarly bequeathed by John Syward, in Durnelane, one of which lies in the east part of the street, between tenements of the Prior of St. John and of the Fraternity of B.V.M., and the other on the west of the street, between tenement of William Baron on the south, and that of the said Prior on the north, to hold of the chief lords of the fees. Witnesses, Robert Abbot, then Mayor of Melcombe Regis, John Frompton, John Pury, Bailiffs of Dorchester, John Heryng, John Abbot, Eustace Kemere, John Kychene, John Hart, John Artour, John Thurstayn, and others. 16th November, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 41, 435.)

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ROBERT BERTRAM, JOHN KYCHEN, } Bailiffs, 8 Henry VI. [1429-30].

435.

[LETTER OF ATTORNEY TO THE AFORESAID CHARTER.]

John Govytz and Robert Veel, executors of the will of John Syward, sen., constitute John Pulhare, Walter Chyryell,

and Richard Saundres, their attorneys to deliver seisin to Robert Mose and others named in the preceding grant, in the three burgages aforesaid. 17th November, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 41, 434.)

436.

CHARTER OF THOMAS PYNET, CLERK, ROBERT MOSE, AND JOHN PURY, JUN.

Thomas Baker, of Dorchester, grants to Thomas Pynet, clerk, Robert Mose, and John Purye, jun., and their heirs, his tenement on the south side of East Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Abbot of Byndon on the east and that late of John Shyrborn on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Bertram and John Kychen, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Richard Webbe, John Martyn, Thomas Westhall, Peter Mallyng, John Thurstayn, John Exetere, Robert Chyldecombe, John Bertolet, and many others. Dorchester, 2nd January, 8 Henry VI. [1430]. (*Cf.* 110, 111, 385, 401, 437-8, 463-4.)

437.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY TO THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

Thomas Baker, of Dorchester, constitutes John Belhous, of Dorchester, his attorney to deliver seisin in the said tenement to the said grantees. Dorchester, 2nd January, 8 Henry VI. [1430]. (*Cf.* 436.)

438.

RELEASE OF THOMAS PYNET, CLERK, ROBERT MOSE, AND JOHN PURY, JUN.

Thomas Baker, of Dorchester, releases to the said grantees his right in the aforesaid tenement. Witnesses, Robert Bertram, and John Kychen, Bailiffs, John Frampton, John Purye, sen., Thomas Budde, John Martyn, Peter Mallyng, and many others. Dorchester, 3rd January, 8 Henry VI. [1430]. (*Cf.* 436.)

439.

CHARTER OF JOHN BERTOLET AND CRISTINA, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Helyer, of Blanford forum, grants to John Bertolet and Cristina, his wife, and their heirs, one place on the north

side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the tenement of Robert Bertram on the east and a place late Simon Hillard's on the west, containing 11 feet in length and 21 feet in breadth, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton and John Pyry, jun., Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, Robert Mose, Richard Webbe, and others. Dorchester, 9th October, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 481.)

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JOHN PYRY, SEN., ROBERT STOURY, } Bailiffs, 9 Henry VI. [1430-1].

440.

CHARTER OF THE FRATERNITY OF B.V.M.

John Shyrewode and Alice, his wife, release to Thomas Wareyn, clerk, and others, as in the Charter No. 431 all right in the tenement in North Street therein named. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton and John Pury, jun., Bailiffs, John Martyn, Peter Mallyng, John Kychen, John Thurstayn, Thomas Wylton, and others. Dorchester, 21st April, 7 Henry VI. [1429]. (*Cf.* 12, 383, 431.)

441.

CHARTER OF EDWARD STOUNTE.

William Spyney, Thomas Budde, John Artour, and John Kychen grant to Edward Stounte, and his heirs, their burgage with dovehouse on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between burgages of said John Artour on the west and of Blessed Mary on the east, which they had by feoffment of John Jurdan, sen., of Wolueton, and Thomas Pynot, clerk, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Robert Bertram, then Bailiff, John Frampton, John Pyry, deygher, John Pury, mersour, Robert Stoury, William Portelond, and many others. Dorchester, Saturday next before the feast of the Decollation of St. John, 8 Henry VI. [1430]. (*Cf.* 371, 372.)

442.

CHARTER OF ROBERT WARE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Edith Hoper, of Shaston, in her full virginity grants to Robert Ware, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, and their

* A mistake is made in the pagination of the volume at this point, the present folio, like the preceding one, being numbered 90.

heirs, her tenement situate between the tenement of John Cowde on the south and that late Hugh Deuerell's on the north, in the parish of St. Peter, Dorchester, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pury, sen., Robert Stoury, Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, John Kychyn, Constables there, Robert Mose, and many others, Dorchester, 24th October, 9 Henry VI. [1430]. (*Cf.* 443.)

443.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF ROBERT WARE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Edith Hoper, of Shaston, constitutes John Dorston, of Dorchester, smyth, her attorney to deliver seisin in the said tenement to Robert Ware and Joan, his wife. Dorchester, 24th October, 9 Henry VI. [1430]. (*Cf.* 442.)

444.

CHARTER OF THE FRATERNITY OF BLESSED MARY.

John Cheuerell, William Hayne, clerk, Philip Leweston and William Fouler, executors of the will of John Jurdan, of Wolueton, grant to Thomas Waryn, clerk, Robert Mose, John Pyry, jun., Thomas Pynet, clerk, Robert Bertram and Richard Webbe, and their heirs, a burgage in High West Street, between the tenement of John Gower on the east and that late of John Panton on the west, to hold of the King *in capite.* 2nd October, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 446.) [John Panton is apparently called John Bawnton in No. 623.]

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445.

CHARTER OF RICHARD CATERE (*sic*) AND CRISTINA, HIS WIFE.

John Shyrborn and Alice, his wife, of Chermynstre, grant to Richard Cartere, son of Walter Cartere and Cristina, wife of the said Richard, and to the heirs of Richard, a messuage with curtilage adjacent in a certain corner on the east side of All Saints' Church, Dorchester, and on the west of a burgage late Thomas Baker's, on the east side of the lane which leads thence towards Durnegate which they had by grant of John Merchaunt, late Rector of All Saints, and of William Merchaunt, clerk, son of Matilda, formerly wife of Richard Merchaunt (which messuage and curtilage were previously John Fyuyan's), to hold of the King. Warranty. Witnesses,

Robert Bertram and John Kychen, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Mose, John Pyry, jun., Richard Webbe, Robert Aysshe, Thomas Budde, Peter Skynner, and others. Dorchester, 4th September, 9 Henry VI. [1430]. (*Cf.* 263, 277.)

In the margin, " ex parte Johannis Clerk."

446.

RELEASE OF THE FRATERNITY OF BLESSED MARY.

John Cheuerell, William Hayne, clerk, Philip Leweston and William Fouler, executors of the will of John Jurdan, of Wolueton, release to Thomas Waryn, clerk, Robert Mose, John Pyrye, jun., Thomas Pynet, clerk, Robert Bertram, and Richard Webbe, all right in a burgage in West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of John Gower on the east and that late William Panton's on the west. 3rd October, 7 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 444, where see note.)

447.

CHARTER OF JOHN HAKELET AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Walter Bover grants to John Hakelet, barbour, and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement with curtilage on the south side of la Durnelane, Dorchester, between the tenement which the Rector of All Saints Church holds on the west and that of John Shudde on the east, which the grantor and Sarah his wife, deceased, lately had of Henry Roys, clerk, and Richard Durant; to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton and Robert Bertram, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, John Honte, William Taylour, John Belhous, Walter Chyryell, and others. Dorchester, Thursday next before the feast of St. Martin, Bishop, 3 Henry VI. [1424]. (*Cf.* 47, 50.)

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JOHN MARTYN,
ROBERT CHYLDECOMBE, } Bailiffs, 10 Henry VI. [1431-2].

448.

CHARTER OF WALTER BARON AND MARGARET, HIS WIFE.

Robert Stoury grants to Walter Baron and Margaret, his wife, and the heirs of Walter, his burgage with curtilage

in East Street, Dorchester, in a certain lane which leads towards Fordyngton, called Durnelane, on the west of the said lane, between burgages of Richard Vicary on the north and of Walter Sergent on the south, which he lately had of William Ayssh of Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pyry, sen., Bailiff, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Robert Mose, John Martyn, John Kychen, and many others. Dorchester, 20th August, 9 Henry VI. [1431].

449.

CHARTER OF ROBERT BERTRAM AND RICHARD WEBBE.

Henry Syvyer, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, late wife of John Cerle, of Dorchester, grant to Robert Bertram and Richard Webbe, and their heirs, their tenement in a certain corner next Durnelane, Dorchester, opposite the toft of John Shrewod (*sic*) on the east, which tenement the said Joan, with John Cerle, her husband, deceased, had by grant of Thomas Budde and John Merchaunt, clerk, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, John Martyn and Robert Chyldecombe, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Mose, John Pyry, and others. Dorchester, 5th October, 10 Henry VI. [1431].

450.

CHARTER OF JOHN TOUKER.

John Drake grants to John Touker and Agnes, his wife, and their heirs, his burgage on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Laurence Webbe on the east and of William Hore, of Brydeport, on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Martyn and Robert Chyldecombe, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, and others. Dorchester, 23rd October, 10 Henry VI. [1431].

451.

CHARTER OF PHILIP LEWESTON.

John Shyrewod and Alice, his wife, grant to Philip Lewes-ton, and his heirs, their burgage on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the Abbot and Convent of Abbotesbury on the north and another burgage

which lately was William Jewe's, Esq., on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, John Martyn and Robert Childecombe, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Peter Skynner, John Pury, mercer, and many others. Dorchester, 24th February, 10 Henry VI. [1432]. (*Cf.* 452, 490-1.)

452.

DEMISE TO JOHN SHYREWOD AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Indenture between Philip Leweston, of the one part, and John Shyrewod and Alice, his wife, of the other part, by which Philip demises to John and Alice the burgage named in the foregoing Charter, except a stable lately built in the said burgage, with solar built above it, for his horses and hay for the same, and one chamber of the burgage for his convenience, *dum moram ibidem traxerit*, to hold the said burgage, with these exceptions, for their lives, and one month longer, at the rent of a red rose at feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. John and Alice to maintain the buildings at their own cost, provided that Philip pay one-fourth part of the cost. Witnesses, John Martyn and Robert Chyldecombe, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Peter Skynner, John Pury, mercer, and many others. Dorchester, 26th February, 10 Henry VI. [1432]. (*Cf.* 451, 490-1.)

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453.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM DOUNTON, CLERK.

John Frampton, of Dorchester, grants to William Dounton, clerk, and his heirs, his burgage on the south side of Pyselane, Dorchester, between the burgage late John Duddell's on the east, and that of Nicholas Forster on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Witnesses, John Martyn and Robert Chyldecombe, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, John Pury, and many others. 5th May, 10 Henry VI. [1432].

454.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM BARON AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Frampton, of Dorchester, grants to William Baron and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, a burgage with curtilage in Dorchester, late Matilda Westpray's, on the east side of

South Street, between burgages of Edith Bomell on the north and of the said John on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Martyn and Robert Chyldecombe, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, John Pury, and many others. Dorchester, 4th June, 10 Henry VI. [1432]. (*Cf.* 455, 458.)

455.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF THE ABOVESAID WILLIAM.

John Frampton, of Dorchester, constitutes Robert Mose his attorney to deliver seisin in the premises (No. 454) to John Baron and Joan, his wife. Dorchester, 14th June, 10 Henry VI. [1432]. (*Cf.* 454, 458.)

456.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM BARON AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Pyry, sen., grants to William Baron and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement on the south side of the lane which leads from High South Street towards le Durnegate, Dorchester, between the tenement of John Russell on the east and that late of Nicholas Webbe on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Martyn and Robert Chyldecombe, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Robert Mose, and many others. Dorchester, 5th July, 10 Henry VI. [1432].

457.

WILL OF THOMAS TANNER, OF CERNE.

"In the name, etc., 6th March, 1431, I, Thomas Tanner, of Cerne . . . bequeath my body to be buried in the cemetery of Cerne. To the Cathedral Church of Sarum, 6d., to the parish church of St. John Baptist of Cerne, 6d. To the Vicar there, 12d. All the residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Alice, my wife, whom I make my executrix. Also I bequeath to her my tenement on the east side of Frerenlane, Dorchester, between the tenement late John Wedon's on the south, and that of the Community on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*."

PROOF OF THE WILL.

Proved at a Court held 18th August, 1431, before the Bailiffs. Livery of seisin to Alice. Sealed with the seal of office of the Bailiffs. (*Cf.* 177, 190.)

458.

RELEASE MADE TO WILLIAM BARON.

William Dounton, clerk, cousin and heir of Joan, late wife of John Frampton, of Dorchester, releases to William Baron, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of William Baron, all right in the burgage, etc., in South Street named in No. 454. Warranty. Witnesses, John Martyn and Robert Childecombe, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, John Pury, and many others. Dorchester, 14th June, 10 Henry VI. [1432]. (*Cf.* 454-5.)

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THOMAS BUDDE, WILLIAM PORTLOND, } Bailiffs, 11 Henry VI. [1432-3].

459.

WILL OF AGNES NAGARD.

"In the name, etc., 20th August, 10 Henry VI. [1432], I, Agnes, late wife of William Nagard, . . . bequeath my body to be buried in the church of Holy Trinity, Dorchester. To the fabric of the church of Blessed Mary, Sarum, 12d. To the Rector of Holy Trinity for tithes forgotten, 6s. 8d. To Thomas Pynet, chaplain, 3s. 4d. To Thomas Budde and his heirs my tenement on the south side of Pyselane, between tenement of Rector of Holy Trinity on the east and that of the Fraternity of B.V.M. in St. Peter's Church on the west (No. 492), to hold of the King *in capite*, so that he pay yearly at Michaelmas, to the Rector of Holy Trinity, 16d., for the life of the said Thomas, to pray for the souls (*pro rogatione animarum*) of said William Nagard, Agnes, his wife, William, their son, and John Haule. And further that the said tenement be sold, and the proceeds distributed to the poor, etc. To the said Thomas Budde and Robert Stowey and their heirs, my tenement on the south side of High West Street, between tenements of Stephen Russell on the west and of William Tayler on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, so that they sell it and dispose of the proceeds in holding anniversary and in celebrating divine service by the chaplains of the church of Holy Trinity aforesaid, as long as the money shall last, for the soul of William, my husband, and for my soul, and the

souls of my parents, benefactors, and all the faithful departed. The residue of my goods I bequeath to said Thomas and Robert, to dispose of for my soul, etc. I appoint them executors." "Quod quidem testamentum probatum est, et computavit cum officio et dimissi sunt, salvo jure cujuscunque," etc.

460.

CHARTER OF JOHN HYLLE AND EDITH, HIS WIFE.

Alienor, late wife of John Skryveyn, grants to John Hylle and Edith, his wife, her daughter, and their heirs, her tenement with curtilage on the north side of High West Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of Thomas Westpray on the east and that late Edith Plomere's on the west, which the grantor lately had, with John, her husband, by feoffment of William Atten Aysh, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Thomas Budde and William Portland, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, John Purye, John Kychen, Peter Mallyng, John Thurstayn, and many others. Dorchester, 6th February, 11 Henry VI. [1433]. (*Cf.* 461-2.)

461.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY CONCERNING THE SAME.

Alienor, late wife of John Skryveyn, constitutes Robert Stoury her attorney to deliver seisin in the foregoing tenement, etc., to John Hylle and Edith, his wife. Dorchester, 6th February, 11 Henry VI. [1433]. (*Cf.* 460, 462.)

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462.

RELEASE OF JOHN HYLLE AND EDITH, HIS WIFE.

Alienor, late wife of John Skryveyn, releases to John Hylle and Edith, his wife, her daughter, all right in the foregoing tenement. Witnesses, Thomas Budde and William Portlond, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, John Purye, John Kychen, Peter Mallyng, John Thurstayn, John Golsmyth, John Bertolet, and many others. Dorchester, 7th February, 11 Henry VI. [1433]. (*Cf.* 460-1.)

463.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM HAYNE, CLERK, AND WILLIAM COMBE.

Thomas Pynet, clerk, Robert Mose, and John Pury, grant to William Hayne, clerk, and William Combe, and their

heirs, their tenement on the south side of East Street, between tenements of Richard Carter on the west and of the Abbot of Bynedon on the east, which they had of Thomas Baker, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Richard Webbe and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Robert Stoury, William Portlond, John Bertolet, and others. Dorchester, 20th December, 12 Henry VI. [1433]. (*Cf.* 110, 111, 385, 401, 436-8, 464.)

464.

RELEASE MADE TO WILLIAM HAYNE, CLERK, AND WILLIAM COMBE.

The same grantors release to William Hayne, clerk, and William Combe, all right in the abovenamed burgage with curtilage. Witnesses, Richard Webbe and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, Robert Stoury, John Kychen, William Portlond, Robert Childecombe, John Bertolet, and others. 14th June, 12 Henry VI. [1434]. (*Cf.* 463.)

RICHARD WEBBE, PETER MALLYNG, } Bailiffs, 12 Henry VI. [1433-4].

465.

CHARTER OF PETER MALLYNG.

William Portlond grants to Peter Mallyng, and his heirs, a certain toft with curtilage on the north side of Pyselane, Dorchester, between tenements of the said Peter on the west in the corner, and of Nicholas Forster on the east, which he had with John Jordan, of Wolueton, and Reginald Jacob, now deceased, by bequest of John Goold, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Richard Webbe, Bailiff, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, Robert Chyldecombe, John Kychen, and others. Dorchester, 6th April, 12 Henry VI. [1434].

466.

CHARTER OF JOHN OKEBORN AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Richard Davy grants to John Okeborn and Alice, his wife, and their heirs, a tenement with curtilage on the north side of High West Street, between the tenement late John Jurdan's on the west, and that late Alienore Scryveyn's on the east,

which he lately had by grant of Edith, late wife of Symon Berde, carpenter, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Richard Webbe and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, Thomas Budde, Robert Stoury, John Bertolet, and others. Dorchester, 20th August, 12 Henry VI. [1434]. (*Cf.* 42, 88, 407.)

467.

CHARTER OF JOHN WYNHARD.

John Potter grants to John Wynhard, *alias dictus* Glover, and his heirs, his burgage with curtilage on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between burgages of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in St. Peter's Church on the south and of John Stephens on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Richard Webbe and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Thomas Budde, Robert Stoury, John Martyn, John Bertolet, and others. Dorchester, 5th July, 12 Henry VI. [1434].

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ROBERT BERTRAM, JOHN THURSTAYN, } Bailiffs, 13 Henry VI. [1434-5].

468.

CHARTER OF JOHN A BRYGGE AND EMMA, HIS WIFE.

John Jacob, clerk, son and heir of Reginald Jacob, grants to John a Brygge and Emma, his wife, and their heirs, his burgage with curtilage on the south side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between burgages of William Portland on the east and John Beel on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, Richard Webbe and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, Robert Childecombe, William Portland, William Baron, John Thurstayn, John Bertolet, and others. Dorchester, 1st April, 12 Henry VI. [1434]. (*Cf.* 484-5.)

469.

WILL OF ALICE CHYRYELL.

"In the Name, etc. I, Alice, wife of Walter Chyryell, of Dorchester, 20th August, 1431. I bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of Holy Trinity, Dorchester.

To Walter, my husband, and his heirs, a tenement on the north side of Pyselane, Dorchester, between tenements of John Thurstayn on the east and of the Master of St. John the Baptist on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*, to sell the same and pay my and his debts. Residue to said Walter, whom I appoint executor." "Et hoc presens testamentum probatum est tam coram officio domini Archidiaconi Dorset' quam coram Ballivis ville predicte." (*Cf.* 470.)

470.

CHARTER OF JOHN JURDAN, CLERK.

Walter Chyryell grants to John Jurdan, clerk, and his heirs, the aforesaid burgage with curtilage which he had by bequest of Alice, his wife, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Richard Webbe and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, Robert Stoury, John Kychen, John Bertolet, and others. Dorchester, Monday next before Michaelmas, 13 Henry VI. [1434]. (*Cf.* 469.)

471.

WILL OF JOHN SHYDDE.

"In the Name, etc., 6th April, 1431, I, John Shydde, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of the Church of St. John Baptist of Euershytte. To John Drake, of Dorchester, and his heirs, a burgage in the High Street called 'Esttrete,' between the burgage of the Abbot of Abbatysbury on the west and a lane extending to Durnegate on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. To Cristina, my wife, and her heirs, a burgage in a lane called Durnegate (*in venella vocata Durnegate*), between burgages of William Morton on the east and of John Hakelet on the west; also a vacant place in Durnegate aforesaid, between a burgage called Cravellysbern on the south and a burgage of William Morton on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. To Walter Andrewe, and his heirs, a burgage on the north side of the lane called Durnegate, between burgages of John Tanner on the west and of John Leweston on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. To Joan, my daughter, and her heirs, a burgage on the south side of High Street called 'Eststrete,' between burgages of the Abbot of Abbatysbury on the east and of the Abbot of Byndon on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. The said Cristina to be executor." Proved in the Court of Dorchester, before the Bailiffs.

472.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM BONEVYLE.

William Baker and Cristina, his wife, daughter and heir of William Payl, grant to William Bonevyle, of Fordyngton, and his heirs, their burgage with curtilage on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the tenement late Richard Bertram's on the south and their own tenement on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Bertram, and John Thurstayn, Bailiffs, John Frampton, Robert Mose, Robert Stoury, William Baron, and others. Dorchester, 13th August, 13 Henry VI. [1435].

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ROBERT MOSE, WILLIAM BARON, } Bailiffs, 14 Henry VI. [1435-6].

473.

WILL OF THOMAS BUDDE.

"In the Name, etc. 17th August, 1435, I, Thomas Budde bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the church of Holy Trinity, Dorchester. To the fabric of the church of Blessed Mary, Sarum, 6d. To the fabric of the church of Holy Trinity, 6d. To the Rector of the said church for tithes forgotten, 2s. 6d. To Joan, my daughter, and her heirs, a burgage with curtilage on the north side of Durnelane, between tenement of John of Dorchester on the west and that of John Causton on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. To Thomas Pynet, clerk, and Richard Certayn, and their heirs, a burgage on the south side of Pyselane, [Nos. 474-5] between tenements of the Rector of Holy Trinity on the east and of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*, to sell the same and dispose of the proceeds for the souls '*ex quibus perquisicio inde devenit.*' I appoint as executors Joan, my wife, and the said Thomas Pynet, and Richard Certayn. I give to Thomas and Richard for their labour 3s. 4d. each, and the residue to Joan, my wife."

474.

CHARTER OF THOMAS WAREYN, CLERK, AND ROBERT MOSE.

Thomas Pynet, clerk, and Richard Certayn grant to Thomas Wareyn, clerk, and Robert Mose, and the heirs of

Thomas Wareyn, their burgage on the south side of Pyselane, bequeathed to them by Thomas Budde, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, William Baron, Bailiff, John Frampton, John Martyn, Robert Bertram, Robert Childecombe, John Bertolet, and others. Dorchester, 2nd April, 14 Henry VI. [1436]. (*Cf.* 473, 475.)

475.

RELEASE OF THOMAS WAREYN AND ANOTHER.

Thomas Pynet, clerk, and Richard Certayn release to Thomas Wareyn, clerk, and Robert Mose, and the heirs of Thomas Wareyn, all right in the aforesaid burgage. Witnesses, William Baron, Bailiff, John Frampton, Robert Bertram, John Martyn, Richard Webbe, Robert Stoury, Robert Childecombe, John Bertolet, and others. Dorchester, 4th April, 14 Henry VI. [1436]. (*Cf.* 473, 474.)

476.

WILL OF JOHN PURYE.

"In the Name, etc. 18th May, 1436, I, John Purye, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of St. Peter's, Dorchester. To the fabric of the church of Mary of Sarum, 12d. To the church of St. Peter, Dorchester, 3s. 4d. To the Rector of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, for tithes forgotten, 3s. 4d. To the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter, 3s. 4d. To the Fraternity of the Holy Cross of the said church, 3s. 4d. To the Friars Minors of Dorchester, 3s. 4d. To Edith, my wife, and her heirs, a tenement in a lane called Vlnenlane, *alias* Pyzelane (*venella vocata Vlnenlane alias Pyzelane*), between tenements of Edith Bomell on the west and of John Kychen on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. To Robert, my son, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, two contiguous tenements on the north side of the same lane, between tenements of John Jordan on the west and of William Pay, *alias* Person, on the east; remainder to Edith, my daughter, remainder to Edith, my wife, and her heirs. Residue of my goods, lands and chattels to Edith, my wife, and John Jacob, clerk, whom I constitute my executors."

"Probatum fuit presens testamentum debito modo et legitime secundum consuetudinem ville predicte coram ballivis suprascriptis et sub sigillo officii eorum ad idem impenso."

Fol. [99] 88.

WILLIAM PORTLOND, ROBERT CHILDECOMBE, } Bailiffs, 16 Henry VI. [1437-8].

477.

CHARTER OF ROBERT REMPSTON, OF PURBYK.

Robert Rempston, of Purbyk, Dorset, sen., grants to John Martyn, of Dorchester, draper, and Edith, his wife, and the heirs of John, two tenements with a curtilage in Dorchester, one tenement with aforesaid curtilage being on the north side of West Street, between a tenement called New Inn (*vocatum nouum hospicium*) on the east, and the cemetery of the church of Holy Trinity on the west (No. 551), which said tenement and curtilage formerly was Walter Durneford's, the other tenement, late Robert Calche's, being on the north side of the same street, next the said cemetery, and at the south and east end of it, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Portlond and Robert Childecombe, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Stoury, John Golsmyth, John Bertolet, and others. Dorchester, Monday in the morrow of Michaelmas, 16 Henry VI. [1437]. (*Cf.* 478.)

478.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY *ex parte* ROBERT REMPSTON.

Robert Rempston, of Purbyk, Dorset, constitutes John Mohun and William Jerard his attorneys, to deliver to John Martyn, of Dorchester, draper, and Edith, his wife, seisin in the aforesaid premises. Dorchester, Monday in the morrow of Michaelmas, 16 Henry VI. [1437]. (*Cf.* 477.)

479.

WILL OF JOHN WELFORD.

"In the Name, etc., Sunday next before the feast of SS. Peter and Paul, 1434, I, John Welford, of Dorchester, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of All Saints, Dorchester. To the fabric of the church of Sarum, 6d. To the fabric of the church of All Saints, Dorchester, 12d. To the brethren of the Fraternity of Corpus Christi there, 12d. (*Fratribus Fraternitatis Corporis Christi ibidem*). To the

Rector of the place there (*loci ibidem*), 12d. To John Badecok and his heirs, my two burgages in Dorchester, lying together on the north side of Durnelane, in parish of All Saints, Dorchester, between burgages of John Shirwod on the west, and of Henry Sherard on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Residue to said John Batecok, whom I make executor."

JOHN FRAMPTON, ROBERT STOURY, } Bailiffs, 17 Henry VI. [1438-9].

480.

CHARTER OF RALPH BEDFORD.

John Nywton, of Lytton, smyth, grants to Ralph Bedford, of Fordyngton, and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of East Street, Dorchester, between burgages of William Portlond on the east and John Frampton, of Cerne, on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton and Robert Stoury, Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, Robert Mose, John Martyn, Robert Childecombe, William Baron, and many others. Dorchester, 10th April, 17 Henry VI. [1439]. (*Cf.* 408.)

481.

CHARTER OF JOHN NYWTON.

John Bertolet and Cristina, his wife, grant to John Nywton, of Lytton, smith (*fabro*), and his heirs, a place on the north side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the tenement of Robert Bertram on the east and a place late Symon Hyllard's on the west, which place contains 11 feet in length and 21 feet in breadth, and which they lately had by grant of Thomas Helyer, of Blanford forum, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Frampton and Robert Stoury, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, Robert Childecombe, and many others. Dorchester, 8th April, 17 Henry VI. [1439]. (*Cf.* 439.)

482.

WILL OF JOHN WYDFORD.

"In the Name, etc., 12th November, 1437, I, John Wydford, of Weymouth, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the church of All Saints, of Wyke Regis. To the fabric of

the church of Sarum [blank]. To the fabric of the church of Wyke, 6s. 8d. To the Rector there, for tithes forgotten, 3s. 4d., To every priest remaining within the aforesaid parish, 2s. 6d. To the parish clerk, 12d. To 12 men carrying my body to the said church, 2d. each. To Agnes, my daughter, and her heirs, my tenement in Dorchester, on the south side of West Street, between tenements of William Taylour on the east and Henry Russell on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. If Agnes die before Cristina, my wife, the tenement to remain to Cristina and her heirs. Residue to Cristina, to dispose of thence for my soul, she to be executrix."

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ROBERT BERTRAM, JOHN PASCO, } Bailiffs, 19 Henry VI. [1440-1].

483.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM FYSSHER.

John Almer and Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of John Cerle, of Dorchester, grant to William Fyssher, of Pudelton, and his heirs, their burgage in Dorchester, situate at the north gate of the said town, and on the east side of the street there, between a close of the demesne of Fordyngton on the north, and the burgage of William Fouler on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Martyn and John Golsmyth, Bailiffs, Robert Mose, Robert Bertram, Peter Mallyng, John Artour, John Drake, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next before the feast of St. Gregory, Pope, 18 Henry VI. [1440].

484.

FEOFFMENT OF JOHN BRYGGER (*sic*).

John a Brygge grants to Roger Batecok and Thomas Croker, and their heirs, his tenement with curtilage on the south side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between tenements of William Portlond on the east and of John Beel on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Bertram, and John Pasco, Bailiffs, Robert Stoury, William Portlond, John Bertolet, and many others. Dorchester, 3rd May, 19 Henry VI. [1441]. (*Cf.* 468, 485.)

485.

CHARTER OF JOHN A BRYGGE AND MARGERY, HIS WIFE.

Roger Batecok and Thomas Croker grant to John a Brygge and Margery, his wife, and the heirs of John, the aforesaid premises, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Robert Bertram and John Pasco, Bailiffs, William Portlond, Robert Stoury, William Baron, John Golsmyth, John Hakelet, and many others. Dorchester, Monday next before Pentecost, 19 Henry VI. [1441]. (*Cf.* 468, 484.)

486.

WILL OF WALTER BARON.

"In the Name, etc., 18th March, 1440, I, Walter Baron, of Fordyngton, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of the church of St. George of Fordyngton. To the fabric of the church of Blessed Mary, Sarum, 6d. To Sir Henry Bryt, 6d. To Matilda, wife of John Souter, j *coopertorium*, j brass pot, j dish, j towel (*linthiamen*), and ij silver spoons. To John, my elder son, and his heirs, my tenement with curtilage in East Street, Dorchester, between tenements of John Sergent on the south and Richard Vicary on the north, to hold of the King *in capite*. Residue to Margaret, my wife, and John, my son, whom I constitute my executors."

487.

WILL OF PHILIP HELYER.

"In the Name, etc., 6th April, 1441, I, Philip Helyer, of Dorchester, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of Holy Trinity, Dorchester. To the fabric of the church of Blessed Mary, Sarum, 6d. To the fabric of the church of Holy Trinity, 16d. To the Fraternity of Holy Trinity in the same church, 12d. To the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the same church, 12d. To the Rector of the same church, 12d. To Agnes, my wife, and her heirs, my tenement with curtilage on the south side of West Street, Dorchester, between tenements of Robert Houper on the west and of William Godewyn on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. To John, my son, and his heirs, my tenement with curtilage on the north side of the said street, between tenements of Thomas Archour on the east and of Thomas Mallyng on the

west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Residue of all my goods to Agnes, my wife. She and Edward Hurdyng to be executors. To the said Edward for his labour, 20d."

488.

CHARTER OF JOHN HOGGYS AND WILLIAMA, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Waryn and William Bury, clerks, and John Frampton, of Dorchester, grant to John Hoggys, and Williama, his wife, and the heirs of John, their tenement with curtilage on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between tenements of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the north and of Thomas Hopkyn on the south, which they had by feoffment of Richard Webbe, of Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, William Portlond and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, Robert Stoury, John Martyn, William Baron, John Bertolet, and many others. Dorchester, Wednesday in the feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, 20 Henry VI. [1441].

Fol. [101] 90.

JOHN MARTYN, JOHN GOLSMYTH, } Bailiffs, 23 Henry VI. [1444-45].

489.

WILL OF RICHARD BRYCE.

"In the Name, etc., Sunday next before the feast of the Annunciation B.V.M., 1444, I, Richard Bryce, of Dorchester, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of Blessed Peter of Dorchester. To the fabric of the church of Blessed Mary, Sarum, 4d. To the Fraternity of Corpus Christi of the church of St. Peter aforesaid 1 sheep. To Alienor, my daughter, my best gown. To Thomas Bryce, my son, and his heirs, my burgage on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, between burgages of Robert Childecombe on the north and of Blessed Mary on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. To Alienor, my daughter, and her heirs, a quantity of land called a Dayne (*vnam quantitatem terre vocate a Dayne*) on the west side of South street, next the field of the West Wallys (*juxta campum de West Wallys*), between the garden of Robert Childecombe on the north and that of the Abbot of Middelton

on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Residue of my goods, after payment of my debts, to Thomas Bryce, my son, and Alienor, my daughter, whom I appoint my executors." (*Cf.* 28, 212, 369, 511, 524, 592.)

490.

[CHARTER OF JOHN GILBERT AND WILLIAM, HIS SON.]

Philip Leweston grants to John Gilbert, merchant, and William Gylbert, his son, and their heirs, his messuage or burgage, late John Shyrwode's, baker, on the west side of South Street, Dorchester, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Chilcombe and Thomas Wilton, Bailiffs, John Frampton, John Pascowe, Robert Assh, William Portlond, Peter Mallyng, and many others. 15th February, 22 Henry VI. [1444]. (*Cf.* 451, 452, 491.)

491.

[LETTER OF ATTORNEY CONCERNING THE AFORESAID MESSUAGE.]

Philip Leweston appoints John Pascowe his attorney to deliver seisin of the premises to John Gilbert, merchaunt, and William, his son. 15th February, 22 Henry VI. [1444]. (*Cf.* 490.)

JOHN PASCO, JOHN GOLSMYTH, } Bailiffs, 26 Henry VI. [1447-8].

492.

WILL OF THOMAS WARYN, CLERK.

"In the Name, etc., Wednesday next before the feast of All Saints, 1441, I, Thomas Waryn, Rector of the church of Holy Trinity, . . . bequeath my soul to God and the Blessed Mary, and my body to be buried in the church aforesaid, before the image of the Holy Trinity. To the fabric of the church of Blessed Mary of Sarum, 3s. 4d. To the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter of Dorchester, 3s. 4d. To the Fraternity of Corpus Christi in the same church 3s. 4d. To the fabric of the same church, 20s. To the two Fraternities in the church of Holy Trinity 6s. 8d. To Richard Mogge, Rector of All Saints, Dorchester, 3s. 4d. To Sir Robert Moreys, chaplain, 3s. 3d. To Sir Philip, my chaplain in the church of St. Peter, 20s. To Sir John Jurdan, 3s. 4d. To

Sir John Vogge, 3s. 4d. To Joan, wife of John Pasco, my best gown and a maser. To Edith, daughter of the same John Pasco, my best girdle (*zonam*) and 6s. 8d. To William Godfray, my servant, 6s. 8d. To John Pasco and John, his son, and their heirs, my burgage on the south side of Pyselane, between the tenement of my Rectory on the east and that of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in St. Peter's church on the west (No. 459), to hold of the King *in capite*. To the said John, son of John Pasco, a girdle of black colour, harnessed with silver (*harnisatam cum argento*) and 6s. 8d. Residue of my goods to the said John Pasco, to dispose of them for my soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed. I appoint the said John my executor."

PROBATE OF THE WILL.

Proved before William Portlond and Peter Mallyng, Bailiffs, 15th November the year aforesaid. Livery of seisin to the said John. Their seal of office appended.

493.

RELEASE OF ALICE, LATE WIFE OF THOMAS JOOPE, CONCERNING LAND IN AULTON PANCRACE, DORSET, MADE TO JOHN MOHUN, ESQ., HERE ENROLLED BY SPECIAL REQUEST OF SAID JOHN AND ALICE.

Alice, late wife of Thomas Joope, in her pure widowhood releases to John Mohun, Esq., her right in all lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, rents, etc., which belonged to Thomas, her late husband, in the parish of Aulton Pancrace, in county of Dorset, 28th December, 15 Edward IV. [1475].

Fol. [102] 91.

ROBERT STOURY, WILLIAM PORTLOND, } Bailiffs, 27 Henry VI. [1448-9].

494.

WILL OF ALICE (*sic*) ALMER, OF PUDELTON.

"In the Name, etc., in the vigil of Christmas, 1448, I. Joan Almer, of Pudelton, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of the church of Blessed Mary of Pudelton. To the fabric of the church of Blessed Mary of Sarum, a silver ring. To the church of Pudelton a silver spoon. To the Fraternity of the Holy Cross in the same church, a silver spoon.

To Walter Bysshopp, clerk, and Robert Brennyng, and their heirs, my burgage with curtilage on the south side of East Street, Dorchester, between the burgage late Roger Knyght's on the west and that of John Parker, jun., on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Residue of my goods to the said Walter and Robert, whom I appoint my executors.

Proved before the official of the Archdeacon of Dorset, and administration granted to the said Walter Bysshopp, at Whytchurch, 23 April, 1449.

PROBATE OF AFORESAID WILL.

Proved also at Dorchester, before Robert Stoury and William Portland, Bailiffs, Monday next before Pentecost, 27 Henry VI. Seisin delivered to said Walter Bysshopp by the Bailiffs. Sealed with their seal of office.

495.

CHARTER OF THOMAS PLAYS.

William Hayne, late Rector of the church of Bradeford, and Robert Durneford grant by indenture to Matilda, late wife of John Plays, for her life, a burgage in Dorchester, which they lately had, *inter alia*, to them and John Mason, now deceased, and Thomas Plays, now surviving, and their heirs, by the grant of the said John Plays, which said Thomas has released to them all right in the said burgage, and after her decease to remain to Alice, sister of the said Thomas, and the heirs of her body, failing these, to remain to the said Thomas Plays and his heirs, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Witnesses, James Ormond, Earl of Wilteshire, William Stafford, Esq., John Firet, William Radenore, John Dauy, Henry Smyth, Robert Raulys, and others. Brodesydelynge, 7th August, 27 Henry VI. [1449].

JOHN GOLSMYTH, JOHN BERTOLET, } Bailiffs, 32 Henry VI. [1453-4].

496.

WILL OF JOHN GERELL.

"In the Name, etc., 4th October, 1452, I, John Geryll, of Dorchester, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of Holy Trinity of Dorchester. To the fabric of the church of Blessed Mary of Sarum, 6d. To Julian, my wife, for her life, my burgage in Dorchester, which descended

to me after the death of Walter Gerell, my father, on the sou side of West Street, between the burgage of the Fratern of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter on the west, and tl late William Pawton's on the east, to hold of the King *in cap* after the death of Joan Gerell, my mother. After the dea of Julian to revert to Lucy, my daughter, and the heirs of l body lawfully begotten. Failing these, to revert to Agn my daughter, and her like heirs, and failing these, to the rig heirs of the grantor. Residue of my goods to Julian, r wife, whom I ordain executor, and John Clement to be sup visor.

PROBATE OF THE SAID WILL.

Proved at the Court at Dorchester, Monday in the fea of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 32 Henry VI., befo John Golsmyth and John Bertolet, Bailiffs. Livery of seis to Julian aforesaid. Sealed with the seal of office of tl Bailiffs, (*Cf.* 526.)

Fol. [103] 92.

JOHN PASCO, JOHN HOVELL, } Bailiffs, 5 Edward IV. [1465-6].

497.

CHARTER OF JOHN MAYEWE.

John Person and Margaret, his wife, grant to John Mayew and his heirs their burgage on the south side of East Stree Dorchester, between burgages of John Parker on the ea and Richard Knyght on the west, to hold of the chief lo of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, John Saunders and Jol Horsman, Bailiffs, John Martyn, sen., John Pasco, Jol Goldesmyth, Richard Toly, Thomas Wylton, and many other 10th March, 38 Henry VI. [1460].

498.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

John Person and Margaret, his wife, constitute Jol Saunders and John Forde his attorneys to deliver seisin in tl premises to John Mayewe. Same witnesses and date.

499.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM STOYTE, MADE BY HENRY SYVIER.

Henry Syvier, of Dorchester, weuer, grants to William Stoyte, and his heirs, his burgage in Dorchester, in the south corner of a lane which leads from the High Street to a street called Durnelane, on the west of the said lane, between the burgage of John Playce on the north and Durnelane on the south, and between the said lane on the east and the burgage late Ralph Bedeford's on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Pascowe and John Hobell, Bailiffs, Richard Almer, Thomas Wylton, Richard Toly, Roger Artour, John Saundrys, Henry Snellynge, Robert Caton, Roger Frye, John Fourde, and many others. Dorchester, 24th August, 5 Edward IV. [1465]. (*Cf.* 512.)

RICHARD TOLY, JOHN FOURDE, } Bailiffs, 10 Edward IV. [1470-1].

500.

CHARTER OF JOHN FOURDE.

John Pasco and John Hobell, Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough or town of Dorchester, with the unanimous assent and consent of all the Burgesses and fellow-Burgesses (*comburgensium*) grant to John Fourde, and his heirs, their burgage on the north side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the burgage late Robert Bertram's on the west, and that of John Causton on the east, which lately came into the hands of the Bailiffs by failure of heirs of a certain Thomas Drewe, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Sealed with their seal of office. 18th February, 4 Edward IV. [1465].

501.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM STOYTE.

Alise Dorsett, *alias dicta* Alice Staynour, in her pure widowhood grants to William Stoyte, and his heirs, her land or burgage on the north side of Durnelane, between burgage late Henry Sherard's, on the west, and that late Nicholas Coker's on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Dyer and Richard Toly, Bailiffs, John Pasco, John Hovell, John Saundrys, Roger Fry, Robert Stoury, William White, John Atwode, and many others. Dorchester, 20th September, 7 Edward IV. [1467]. (*Cf.* 502, 512.)

502.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF WILLIAM STOYTE.

William Stoyte constitutes John Fourde his attorney receive seisin in the aforesaid burgage. 20th Septemb 7 Edward IV. [1467]. (*Cf.* 501, 512.)

Fol. [104] 93. 503.

CHARTER OF JOHN HOBELL.

William Horetop, of Dartemouth, and Agnes, his wi grant to John Hobell, of Dorchester, and his heirs, the tenement with curtilage on the east side of Durnelane, Dc chester, between the tenement of the Lord Abbot of Bynd on the north and that of Thomas Croker on the south, to ho of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Sealed with the seal office of the Mayor of Melcombe Regis, "*quia sigilla nost pluribus sunt incognita.*" Witnesses, John Greyne, ser John Corf, Thomas Norgate, John Pulhare, John Greyn jun., Thomas Forster, Edward Corfe, and many other Melcombe aforesaid, last of July, 6 Edward IV. [1466]. (C 512.)

504.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

William Horetop, of Dartmouth, and Agnes, his wif constitute Thomas Clerke and John Greyne, jun., of Melcomb Regis, their attorneys to deliver seisin to John Hobell, Dorchester, in the aforesaid tenement, formerly John Forde of Brodewey. Sealed by the Mayor of Melcombe Regi last of July, 6 Edward IV. [1466]. (*Cf.* 503, 505-7, 512.)

505.

RELEASE UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

William Horetop and Agnes, his wife, release to Job Hobel all right in the said premises which they lately had b grant of John Forde, of Brodewey. Sealed by the Mayor Melcombe Regis. Same witnesses and date as in the Charte (*Cf. ut supra.*)

506.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM STOYTE.

John Hobell, of Dorchester, grants to William Stoy and his heirs the premises in Durnelane, granted to him in tl

preceding Charter, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Dier and Richard Toly, Bailiffs, John Pasco, John Fourde, John Saundris, Thomas Wilton, Roger Artour, Robert Caton, Roger Frye, William Drake, William White, Henry Snellynge, and many others. Dorchester, 12th November, 6 Edward IV. [1466]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

507.

RELEASE UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

John Hobell, of Dorchester, releases to William Stoyte, all right in the said premises. Witnesses, John Dier and Richard Toly, Bailiffs, John Pasco, John Saundris, John Fourde, Roger Artour, Roger Frye, John Atwode, William White, and many others. Dorchester, 16th November, 6 Edward IV. [1466]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

Fol. [105] 94.

508.

CHARTER OF THOMAS CROFTE.

John Saundris, John Hefnell, John Pasco, Thomas Wilton, John Baron and Roger Artour grant to Thomas Crofte, and his heirs, their tenement or burgage with curtilage on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage late Thomas Houper's, of Frampton, on the east, and that of William Rocke on the west, which they lately had, together with Sir Robert Bere, chaplain, late one of the Wardens of the Fraternity of B.M.V. in St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, and with Sir Robert Moreys, chaplain, now deceased, by feoffment of John Churchill, brother and heir of Osith Churchill, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Richard Toly, and John Fourde, Bailiffs, John Hovell, Roger Frye, Henry Snellynge, Robert Stoury, Robert Pasco, Henry Woulfe. and many others. Dorchester, 18th April, 10 Edward IV, [1470]. (*Cf.* 509, 511.)

509.

CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT OF THOMAS CROFTE TO JOHN CARLETON AND ROBERT PAULYN.

Thomas Croft grants to John Carleton and Robert Pawlyn, and their heirs, his burgage on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, conveyed in the preceding charter, to hold

of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Richard Toly and John Fourde, Bailiffs, John Pasco, Henry Snellynge, John Saundrys, Roger Artour, William Pauleston, William White, Roger Brigge [margin cut], John Atwode, and many others. Dorchester, 20th August, 10 Edward IV. [1470]. (*Cf.* 508. 510.)

510.

CHARTER OF THOMAS CROFTE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Carleton and Robert Pawlyn grant the aforesaid tenement to Thomas Crofte and Johanne, his wife, and the heirs of Thomas, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Richard Toly, and John Fourde, Bailiffs, John Pasco, Henry Snellynge, John Dyer, John Saundrys, Roger Artour, William Drake, William Pauleston, Robert Stoury, Roger Brigger, and many others. Dorchester, 23rd August, 10 Edward IV. [1470]. (*Cf.* 508-9.)

511.

WRITING OF SIR JOHN PASCO, SON AND HEIR OF JOHN PASCO.

Richard Toly and John Fourde, Bailiffs of the Borough of Dorchester, certify that they have placed Sir John Pasco, son and heir of John Pasco, in full possession in divers burgages, lands and tenements within the borough, which descended to him on the death of his said father, "*tribus proclamationibus in tribus Curiis infra Burgum ante datum presentium tentis secundum consuetudinem ejusdem Burgi factis et habitis, et nullus coram nobis in eisdem Burgagiis terris seu tenementis cum eorum pertinenciis nec in aliqua inde parcella posuit clameum.*" The burgages in the parish of St. Peter's are (1) in which William White, *alias* Smyth, dwells ; (2) in which Andrew Goulde dwells ; (3) in which John Williams dwells ; (4) in which William Wight, jun., dwells ; (5) on which a farmhouse (*domus grangie*) is built ; (6) one dayne, next the same grange ; (7) two burgages called "les Northshoppes" ; (8) one burgage in All Saints' parish, which the said William White now holds; to hold of the King *in capite*. Sealed with their seal of office. Witnesses, John Mohun, Esq., John Dier, John Langeton, Robert Aysshe, William Drake, Roger Brigger, William White, John Sewell, Andrew Seryaunt, and many others. Dorchester, Monday, 4th April, 14 Edward IV. [1474]. (*Cf.* 567.)

JOHN DIER, JOHN FOURDE, } Bailiffs, 16 Edward IV. [1476-7].

512.

CHARTER OF THOMAS STOYTE, SON AND HEIR OF WILLIAM STOYTE.

John Dier and John Fourde, Bailiffs of the Borough of Dorchester, certify that they have placed Thomas Stoyte, son and heir of William Stoyte, in possession of three burgages within the Borough, which descended to him on the death of William, his said father, three proclamations, etc. (1) The burgage which the said William lately had by grant of Henry Syvier, in the south corner of the lane which leads from High East Street to Durnelane, on the west side of the lane between burgage of John Playce on the north and Durnelane on the south (No. 499). (2) The burgage which the said William lately had by grant of Alice Dorsett, *alias dicta* Staynour, on the north side of Durnelane, between the burgage of Henry Sherard on the west, and that late Nicholas Cokyr's on the east (No. 501-2). (3) The burgage which the said William lately had by grant of John Hobell, on the east side of Durnelane (No. 503-7), between the burgage of the Abbot of Byndon on the north and that of Thomas Crocker on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Sealed with their seal of office. Witnesses, John Mohun, Esq., Steward of the said Borough, John Carleton, Henry Woulfe, John Saundris, John Hovell, Henry Snellynge, Roger Artour, Robert Stoury, Roger Brigger, John At Wode, William White, and many others. Dorchester, at the Court held there, Monday, 18th November, 16 Edward IV. [1476].

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THOMAS WYLTON, RICHARD AYLMER, } Bailiffs, 4 Edward IV. [1464-5].

513.

CHARTER OF HABRA SKYNNER.

Habra* Skynner, late wife of Peter Skynner, of Dorchester, in pure and lawful widowhood grants to Robert Vell, *alias* Hayward, and Cristina, his wife, and their heirs, a burgage on the east side of High North Street, between the burgage of Richard Sertayn on the south, and that late of Robert Vell,

* She is called Abrea in No. 409 and in No. 541, where the other burgage is conveyed.

"gentylman," on the north, which she lately had by gra of Edith Persons, her mother, together with another burga in the said town, which the aforesaid Edith lately had by t bequest of Philip Persons, her husband, which the said Phil lately had by grant of Peter Skynner, husband of the sa Habra, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witness Thomas Wylton and Richard Aylmer, Bailiffs, John Saundr John Baron, Roger Arthur, John Carlyngton, Henry Snellyn Robert Lamb, and many others. Dorchester, 4th Jun 4 Edward IV. [1464].

[This is the only entry on the *recto* of this folio, and brea into the sixteenth year of Edward IV.]

JOHN DIER, } Bailiffs, from Michaelmas, 16 Edward IV.
JOHN FOURDE, } Michaelmas following [1476-7].

514.

CHARTER OF JOHN FOURDE AND MARGARET, HIS WIFE.

William Tolett and Williama, his wife, grant to Jol Fourde and Margaret, his wife, and their heirs, their burga on the north side of High East Street, Dorchester, between t burgage of the Chantry of Roger Syward in the same town the west, and that of the feoffees for the use of All Sain church (*burgagium feoffatorum ad opus Ecclesie Omniu Sanctorum*) in the same town on the east, which burgage t said Williama lately had together with Richard Tomeson, la her husband, now deceased, to hold of the King *in capi* Warranty. Witnesses, John Carleton and Henry Woul Bailiffs, John Mohun, Esq., Steward of the said town, Jol Langeton, Henry Snellynge, John Hobell, John Dier, Rog Artour, John Williams, William White, Roger Brigger, Jol Atwode, William Drake, Robert Aysshe, Robert Pasco, Willia Pauleston, William Wright, jun., and many others. Dc chester, 11th January, 15 Edward IV. [1476]. (*Cf.* 51 570-1, 613.)

515.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

William Tolett and Williama, his wife, constitute Robe Poleyn, William Sheter, Andrew Smyth, and Robert Wync sore, their attorneys to deliver to John Fourde and Margar his wife, full possession of the aforesaid burgage. Dorchest 11th January, 15 Edward IV. [1476]. (*Cf.* 514, 570-1, 61

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HENRY SNELLYNGE, } Bailiffs, from Michaelmas, 18 Edward IV.
JOHN FOURDE, } [1478-9].

516.

WILL OF AGNES, WIFE OF WILLIAM SMYTH.

"In the Name, etc., 3rd May, 1479, I, Agnes, wife of William Smyth, daughter of Alice Drayton, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of St. Peter's church, Dorchester. To the fabric of the Cathedral church of Sarum, a silver ring. To William Smyth, my husband, for his life, my tenement on the north side of Pyselane, Dorchester, between the tenement late William Whitynge's on the east, and that of John Hobell on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. After said William's death to remain to the church of St. Peter for the use and profit of the said church. I appoint the said William my executor."

PROBATE OF THE SAID WILL.

Proved at the Court held at Dorchester, Monday, 24th May, 19 Edward IV. [1479], before Henry Snellynge and John Fourde, Bailiffs. Livery of seisin to William Smyth, for his life. Sealed by the Bailiffs with their seal of office.

517.

CHARTER OF WALTER CHEUERELL AND CRISTINA, HIS WIFE.

Henry Russell, son and heir of Stephen Russell and of Alice, his wife, grants by indenture to Walter Cheuerell and Cristina, his wife, the grantor's daughter, and the heirs of their bodies, a tenement in Dorchester, between the tenement of Agnes Wodeford, which John Clement now holds, on the east and that of the Abbot of Abbotesbury, which John Goldesmyth now holds, on the west, to hold of the said Henry and his heirs by the rent of a rose, to be paid at the feast of St. John the Baptist. If the said Walter and Cristina die without such heirs, to remain to the heirs of the body of said Cristina, remainder to Agnes Wodeford and her like heirs, remainder to said grantor and his heirs, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. 4th April, 18 Henry VI. [1478]. (*Cf.* 518.)

518.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF WALTER CHEUERELL AND CRISTINA, HIS WIFE.

Henry Russell aforesaid constitutes Robert Mose and John Goldesmyth his attorneys to give to Walter Cheuerell and Cristina, his wife, full possession in the aforesaid tenement. 4th April, 18 Henry VI. [1478]. (*Cf.* 517.)

519.

CHARTER OF ROBERT WEBBE, MADE TO JOHN DRYNKWATER AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Robert Webbe, *alias dictus* Pury, grants to John Drynkwater and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement with curtilage on the south side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Master of the chapel (*Magistri Capelle*) of St. John the Baptist of Dorchester, on the west and the burgage, late Thomas Foot's, on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Baron and John Hakelett, Bailiffs, William Portlond, John Pasco, Robert Childecombe, and others. Dorchester, 20th February, 28 Henry VI. [1450].

520.

CHARTER OF JOHN DRYNKWATER AND JOAN, HIS WIFE, MADE TO SIR WILLIAM STOURTON, KNIGHT, AND JOHN SEWELL.

John Drynkwater and Joan, his wife, grant to Sir William Stourton, Knt., and John Sewell, and their heirs, their tenement named in the preceding charter, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Richard Bedeford, and Thomas Wilton, Bailiffs, William Portlond, John Pasco, Robert Childecombe, and others. Dorchester, 6th March, 30 Henry VI. [1452].

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JOHN DIER, JOHN WILLIAMS, } Bailiffs, from Michaelmas, 19 Edward IV. [1479-80].

521.

CHARTER OF ROBERT SYRED, OF LONDON, MERCER.

" Be it knowen to all people to whom this p'sent Writynge shall hire see or be shewed vnto that I Roberd Syred of London mercer haue solde to Aberey Cornebrugh Esquier Richard

Raneson m'cer and Alderman of London aforeseid [*blank*] iij skore pipes of ode for a certayn sume of monay of cc *li* of the whiche cc *li* y holde me content and paied the day of the makynge of this p'sent writynge And the foreseid Aberey Corneborugh Richard Raneson [*blank*] thereof to be discharged ayenst me and all my assignes. In Witnes whereof to this p'sent writynge y have sette my seale. Witnesse hereof John Sturmyn Thomas Clerke [*blank*] and many other. And for asmoche that it shall be knowen that this is my Wille and Dede y haue procured hit to be enrolled in the Kynges toune and borugh of Dorchestre yn A boke there that is called Domesday. As it apperith in the bakke of this my wille and dede yeuen the xxij^e day of Decembre the xix^e yere of the Reyne of Kynge Edward the iiij^th." [1479].

This deed is in English, and is here given in full.

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HENRY SNELLYNGE, } Bailiffs, from Michaelmas, 22 Edward IV.
ROBERT STOURY, } [1482-3].

522.

[CHARTER OF JOHN WILLIAMS AND GEOFFREY SAMWEYS].

John Hull and Joan, his wife, grant to John Williams, of Dorchester, merchaunt, and Geoffrey Samwyse, of the same, and their heirs, their tenement in which the grantors dwell, on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between the cemetery of Holy Trinity church and the tenement of John Trencherd on the west, and all their other tenements in Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*. Witnesses, Henry Snellynge and Robert Aysshe, Bailiffs, John Hobell, Roger Artour, Henry Woulfe, and others. Dorchester, 6th February, 22 Edward IV. [1483]. (*Cf.* 523-5.)

523.

[CHARTER OF JOHN HULL AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.]

John Williams, of Dorchester, and Geoffrey Samwyse grant to John Hull and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, the aforesaid premises, to hold of the King *in capite*. Sealed by the Bailiffs, *quia sigilla nostra pluribus sunt incognita*. Witnesses, Henry Snellynge and Robert Aysshe, Bailiffs, John Hobell, Roger Artour, Henry Wolfe, and others. Dorchester, 16th February, 22 Edward IV. [1483]. (*Cf.* 522, 524-5.)

524.

CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT OF JOHN HULL AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Hull and Joan, his wife, late wife of John Carleton, grant to John Williams, of Dorchester, merchaunt, and Geoffrey Samwyse of the same, and their heirs, all their burgages in Dorchester, viz., (1) on the north side of West Street, between the cemetery of Holy Trinity on the east and the burgage of John Trenchard, Esq., on the west (No. 522-3). (2) Two together on the north side of the same street, between the burgage of Henry Snellynge on the west and that of Thomas Crymelford on the east. (3) On the east side of North Street, between the close of the demesne (*d'nij*) of Fordyngton on the north, and the burgage of Roger Artour on the south. (4) Two together in the corner of said North Street, on the east side of the street, between the burgage of Robert Hayward on the north and Pyselane on the south. (5) The Dayne (*illud Dayne*) on the south side of Pyselane, between the burgage of the Fraternity of B.M.V. in St. Peter's church, on the east, and that of the grantors on the west. (6) The burgage between le Dayne aforseaid on the east and the burgage of William Stoyte on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Snellynge and Robert Aysshe, Bailiffs, John Hobell, Roger Artour, Henry Woulfe, and others. Dorchester, 6th February, 22 Edward IV. [1483]. (*Cf.* 525.)

525.

CHARTER OF RE-FEOFFMENT MADE TO JOHN HULL AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Williams and Geoffrey Samwyse reconvey to John Hull and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, the premises conveyed in the preceding charter. Sealed with the seal of office of the Bailiffs. Witnesses, Henry Snellynge, and Robert Aysshe, Bailiffs, John Hobell, Roger Artour, Henry Woulfe, and others. Dorchester, 16th February, 22 Edward IV. [1483]. (*Cf.* 524.)

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526.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM GERYLL MADE TO WILLIAM BIRCHE.

William Geryll, brother and heir of John Geryll, son of Walter Geryll,* grants to William Birche, and his heirs, his

* Perhaps the same as Walter Chiriell, No. 86, etc.

burgage on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the Fraternity of B.M.V. in St. Peter's church on the west, and that of the heir of William Poton on the east, which descended to the grantor on the death of his said brother, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. He also appoints Robert Poleyn and Andrew Smyth his attorneys to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Henry Snellynge and Robert Stoury, Bailiffs, William Martyn, Esq., then Steward of the Borough, John Hobell, Henry Woulfe, Roger Artour, Roger Brigger, Robert Pasco, William Pauleston, John Atwode, Geoffrey Samwyse, John Williams, Robert Caton, and many others. Dorchester, 9th December, 22 Edward IV. [1482]. (*Cf.* 496.)

527.

CHARTER OF RELEASE OF JOHN MONE, ESQ., AND WALTER CARPENTER, MADE TO JOHN FRAMPTON,

John Mone, Esq., and Walter Carpenter, *alias dictus* Walter Bocher, release to John Frampton, son and heir of John Frampton, late of Cerne, and his heirs, all right in a messuage in Dorchester, between the burgage called la Gaole on the west and that of Raul Bedford on the east. 21st October, 37 Henry VI. [1458]. (*Cf.* 528-532.)

528.

CHARTER OF JOHN FRAMPTON, MADE TO WILLIAM BYRT.

John Frampton, of Caundell Mersshe, Dorset, demises to William Byrt and his heirs a burgage in Dorchester, situate between the Gaol of our lord the King (*Gaolam domini Regis*) on the west and the burgage of Ralph Bedford on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, Sir Roger Rope, Abbot of Cerne, John Faunteleroy, Laurence Herford, and many others. 12th December, 19 Edward IV. [1479]. (*Cf.* 527, 529-32.)

529.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

John Frampton, of Caundell Mersshe, constitutes John Fauntleroy, jun., and Robert Poleyn, his attorneys to deliver seisin of the burgage. Witnesses, John Hovell and Henry Woulfe, Bailiffs, John Dier, Roger Artour, John Williams, Henry Snellynge, Robert Stoury, William Done, Roger Brigger, Robert Pasco, and many others. Dorchester, 10th June, 22 Edward IV. [1482]. (*Cf.* 527-8, 530-32.)

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530.

RELEASE OF MASTER ROGER BONE AND EDITH, HIS WIFE, MADE TO WILLIAM BYRTE.

Roger Bone, of Dorchester, and Edith, his wife, release to William Byrt, and his heirs, all right in a burgage with garden adjacent, on the north side of High East Street, between the burgage of Ralph Bedeford on the east and the King's Gaol on the west. Dorchester, 10th February, 22 Edward IV. [1483]. (*Cf.* 527-9, 531-2.)

531.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM BYRTE, MADE TO JOHN BAYTE, AND CRISTINA, HIS WIFE.

William Byrt grants to John Bayte, draper, and Cristina, his wife, and their heirs, the aforesaid burgage, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Henry Snellynge and Robert Asshe, Bailiffs, John Hobell, John William (*sic*), Henry Woulfe, and others. 10th February, 22 Edward IV. [1483]. (*Cf.* 527-30, 532.)

532.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF WILLIAM BYRTE, MADE TO JOHN BAYTE, AND CRISTINA, HIS WIFE.

William Byrt constitutes Roger Brugger and Robert Poleyn his attorneys, to deliver seisin of the aforesaid burgage to John Bayte and Cristina, his wife. 10th February, 22 Edward IV. [1483]. (*Cf.* 527-31.)

533.

RELEASE OF EDITH BERTRAM, MADE TO NICHOLAS FORSTER.

Edith Bertram, late wife of Richard Bertram, of Dorchester, releases to Nicholas Forster, of Dorchester, and his heirs, all right in a burgage on the south side of Pyselane, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Fraternity of Holy Trinity of Dorchester on the west and that of John Frampton on the east. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Mose and Thomas Budde, Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, Peter Mallyng, Skynner, John Hunte, and many others. 9th April, 6 Henry VI. [1428]. (*Cf.* 272, 424, 534-8.)

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534.

CHARTER OF NICHOLAS FORSTER, MADE TO JOHN BARON AND ALIANOR, HIS WIFE.

Nicholas Forster grants to John Baron and Alianor, his wife, and their heirs, his burgage on the south side of Pyselane, Dorchester, between the tenement of the Wardens of the church of Holy Trinity, on the west and that of Matilda Fouler on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, William Portelond and John Pasco, Bailiffs, Robert Bertram, Robert Stoury, John Goldesmyth, and many others. Dorchester, 10th July, 24 Henry VI. [1446]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

535.

RELEASE OF NICHOLAS FORSTER TO JOHN BARON AND ALINOR, HIS WIFE.

Nicholas Forster, of Dorchester, releases to John Baron and Alinor, his wife, and their heirs, all right in the aforesaid tenement. Witnesses, as in preceding charter. 11th July, 24 Henry VI. [1446]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

536.

CHARTER OF JOHN BARON, MADE TO ROBERT SCOTTE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Baron grants to Robert Scotte and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, the aforesaid burgage which he and Alianor, his wife, now deceased, had by grant of Nicholas Fowler,* to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Stowry and John Hulle, Bailiffs, John Hobell, Henry Snellynge, Henry Wolfe, Roger Artour, John Skynner, and others. Dorchester, last of April, 2 Richard III. [1485]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

537.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF JOHN BARON, MADE TO ROBERT SCOTTE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Baron constitutes William Bone and Robert Poleyn his attorneys, to deliver seisin in the aforesaid burgage to Robert Scotte and Joan, his wife. Dorchester, last of April, 2 Richard III. [1485]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

* Called Nicholas Forster in No. 534.

538.

RELEASE OF JOHN BARON, MADE TO ROBERT SCOTTE, AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Baron releases to Robert Scotte and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, all right in the aforesaid burgage. Warranty. Dorchester, 10th May, 2 Richard III. [1485]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

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539.

CHARTER OF ROBERT HAYWARD, MADE TO ROBERT SKOTTE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Robert Hayward and Cristina, his wife, grant to Robert Skotte and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, their burgage on the east side of North Street, between the burgage of Robert Coker, Esq., on the north and that late John Carleton's and now John Hulle's, on the south, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Witnesses, John Williams and John Fourde, Bailiffs, Henry Snellynge, Robert Stoury, John Hobell, Roger Artour, John Hulle, William Pauleston, and many others. Dorchester, feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop, 1 Richard III. [1483]. (*Cf.* 540.)

540.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY MADE TO ROBERT SKOTTE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Robert Hayward and Cristina, his wife, constitute Robert Poleyn and William Birche their attorneys, to deliver seisin in the aforesaid burgage to Robert Skotte and Joan, his wife. Dorchester, same date. (*Cf.* 539.)

541.

CHARTER OF ABREA SKYNNER, MADE TO JAMES HOBELL AND ANOTHER.

Abrea* Skynner, of Dorchester, in her pure widowhood grants to James Hobell and Edith, his wife, and their heirs, her burgage on the north side of Pyselane, between the burgage of Richard Certayn, *alias* Bud, on the west, and that of Thomas Forster on the east, which she lately had by grant of Edith Person, her mother, with another burgage which the said Edith lately had by bequest of Philip Person, her husband, and which

* She is called Habra in No. 513, where the other burgage is conveyed.

the said Philip lately had by bequest of Peter Skynner, husb of the aforesaid Abrea, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warra: Witnesses, John Pasco and John Horswell, *alias* Dyer, Bail John Martyn, John Saundris, Roger Artour, John Hol Henry Snellynge, Robert Lambe, and many others. I chester, 4th July, 2 Edward IV. [1462].

542.

CHARTER OF JOHN HOBELL, MADE TO ROBERT SKOTT:

John Hobell, brother and heir of James Hobell, decea grants to Robert Skotte and Joan, his wife, and their h his burgage on the north side of Pyselane, Dorchester, betw the burgage of John Hulle on the west and that of Tho Andrewe on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warra: Witnesses, John Fourde, Bailiff, John Hobell, Robert Sto John Hull, Roger Artour, John Williams, Henry Wo John Atwode, Roger Brygge[r], and many others. I chester, Saturday in the morrow of Michaelmas, 2 Henry [1486]. (*Cf.* 543.)

543.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

John Hobell, brother and heir of James Hobell, decea constitutes Robert Poleyn and William Birche his attorn to deliver seisin in the aforesaid burgage to Robert Sk and Joan, his wife. Dorchester, same date. (*Cf.* 542.)

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544.

[CHARTER OF WALTER PASCOW.]

Master John Pascow, Rector of the Parish Churc Warmwelle, Dorset, son and executor of John Pascow, me late of Dorchester, deceased, grants to Walter Pascow, of Robert Pascow, the grantor's brother, and to the the I of his body lawfully begotten, five burgages in St. Pe parish, Dorchester: (1) A burgage *erga communem for* in the east side of that street, between burgages of St. M of St. Peter's Church on either side. (2) Two burgages sit together on the same side of the said street, between the bur of William Martyn, Esq., on the south and that of Rc Stowry, *alias dictus* Aysch, on the north. (3) Two burg situate together on the same side of the said street, c

bernys, ubi plures arbores crescunt, between the burgage of John Martyn on the south and that of St. Mary of St. Peter's church on the north, all of which five burgages he had by grant of his said father, by his will, sealed by the Archdeacon of Dorset, and the Bailiffs of Dorchester to hold of the King. Should Walter die without such heirs, to remain to John Pascow, his brother, and his like heirs, remainder to George Pascow, his brother, and his like heirs, remainder to Joan, sister of the aforesaid three brothers, and her like heirs, remainder to the aforesaid Master John Pascow, the grantor, and his assigns for ever. Warranty. Witnesses, John Hulle and Robert Adyn, Bailiffs, John Hovelle, John Wyllyams, Roger Brygger, Henry Wolff, Robert Polyn, Thomas Tanner, and many others. Dorchester, 20th August, 7 Henry VII. [1492].

JOHN BOYTE, THOMAS HOSKYNES, } Bailiffs, 14 Henry VII. [1498-9].

545.

CHARTER OF ALICE TOWLY AND MARGARET TOWLY, MADE TO THOMAS HOSKYNES AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Alice, late wife of Richard Toly, and Margaret, their daughter, recite that Richard Toly by his will, 8th July, 1475, bequeathed to the said Alice and Margaret his burgage in Dorchester, in these words: "I bequeath to Alice, my wife, and Margaret, my daughter, my burgage on the north side of High East Street, between the burgage of St. John *Hospitalis* of Jerusalem in England, at Mayne *Hospitalis,* on the west, and that of the Master of St. John in Dorchester on the east, to be enjoyed by the said Alice until my daughter Margaret be married, and then to be delivered to the said Margaret, to hold to her and her heirs of the King *in capite.* Should Margaret die unmarried, the burgage to remain to Alice and her heirs." The said Alice, in her pure and lawful widowhood, and the said Margaret, in her pure widowhood, grant to Thomas Hoskynes and Alice, his wife, and their heirs, the aforesaid burgage, to hold of the King *in capite.* Warranty. Appointment of Robert Polyn and Roger Bryger, attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Hobyll, Roger Arter, Bailiffs, John Mawyn, Esq., Steward of the Town, John Dyer, John Forde, John Carelinton, Henry Snellyng, John Wyllyames, John Atwode, William Whyte, and many others. Dorchester, 19th January, 17 Edward IV. [1478].

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546.

RELEASE OF ROBERT TALBOT AND JOAN, HIS WIFE, MADE TO THOMAS HOSKYNES.

Robert Talbotte and Joan, his wife, late wife of Thomas Russcheton, release to Thomas Hoskyn all right in a burgage in Dorchester called *le Rakehay*, which toft is situate on the south side of High East Street, between the burgage of William Ployce on the east and the way which leads from East Street to Forthynton. Witnesses, John Hobyll and Henry Wulfe, Bailiffs, Roger Arter, John Dier, John Wiliams, Henry Snellyng Roger Briger (*sic*), John Atwode, Robert Asche, and many others. In the vigil of the Ascension, 22 Edward IV. [1482]. (*Cf.* 547.)

547.

CHARTER OF JOHN HOBELL AND HENRY WULFE AND TWELVE JURORS, MADE TO THOMAS HOSKYNES AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

At a Law Court of Michaelmas term, held at Dorchester Monday next after Michaelmas, 21 Edward IV. [1481] before John Hobyll and Henry Wulfe, Bailiffs (*Ballivi domini Regis Burgi de Dorchestre*) it is granted by the assent and will of the aforesaid Bailiffs, and also of Roger Arter, Henry Snellyng, John Wylyames, Robert Stoury, Roger Bryger, William Bone, Geoffrey Samuyce, Thomas Hoskyns, William Pawlston, Robert Pascow, Andrew Golde, Robert Caton, Thomas Gryffyn, Jurors in the said Court, to Thomas Hoskyns and Alice, his wife, for a certain fine, xs., to be paid to the Community of the said Town or Borough, for the burgage called Rakehay, formerly Henry Wooge's, which came into the King's hands by failure of the heirs of the said Henry Wooge, to hold the said burgage to them and their heirs of the King *in capite* for ever. Sealed by the Bailiffs at Dorchester, the day and year aforesaid. (*Cf.* 546.)

548.

CHARTER OF RICHARD WYLMET, MADE TO THOMAS HOSKYNGS AND ALICE, HIS WIFE.

Richard Wilmet grants to Thomas Hoskyns and Alice, his wife, and their heirs, his burgage on the south side of Durnelane, between the burgage of Nycolas Molyn on the west and the way which leads towards Forthyngton on the

east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Hull and Robert Aden, Bailiffs, William Martyn, then Steward of the Town, John Hobell, Henry Wulfe, John Wylyames, Richard Davy, John Boyte and many others. Dorchester, 10th March, 7 Henry VII. [1492].

549.

CHARTER OF JOAN FRYE, *alias* BRIGGER, MADE TO WILLIAM HOSKYNES.

Joan Frye, *alias* Bryger, widow, late wife of Roger Frye, *alias* Brygger, grants to William Hoskynes and his heirs her burgage with curtilage on the south side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the burgage late John Brygger's on the west and that late Thomas Placy's on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Aden and William Person, Bailiffs, William Martyn, Esq., Steward, John Wylyams, William Byrche, then Constables, Henry Snellyng, Robert Whyte, Richard Haywarde, John Belamy, and many others. Dorchester, 18th May, 14 Henry VII. [1499].

550.

CHARTER OF DONATION OF JOAN FRY, MADE TO WILLIAM HOSKYNES.

Joan Fry, in her pure widowhood, and executrix of the will of Roger Fry, her husband, grants to William Hoskynes, and his assigns, all her goods and chattels, moveable and immoveable, live and dead, wheresoever. Also her two burgages in Dorchester, situate together on the south side of Durnelane, between the burgage of Julian Colier on the east and that late John Placy's on the west. Also her toft on the north side of the said lane, between the burgage now John Drake's on the east and the lane which leads from High East Street to Durnelane on the west. Witnesses, John Boyte and Thomas Hoskynes, Bailiffs, John Mathew, of Bemyster, John Hoskynes, jun., William Gaye, Elisandre Browne, Henry Snellyng, and many others. Dorchester, 5th September, 16 Henry VII. [1500].

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551.

WILL OF JOHN MARTYN, MADE TO JOAN, HIS WIFE.

"In the Name, etc., 17th September, 1500, I, John Martyn, of Dorchester, bequeath . . . my body to be buried

in the church of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, *ante qu* . . . [margin cut off] there. To the Cathedral Church of Sarum 6d. To the Rector of the aforesaid church for a trentale, 2s. 6d. To the Friars Minors of Dorchester, 3s. 4d. To Joan, my wife, and her heirs, a burgage and shop annexed, situate between the inn called le New Inne on the east, and the church of Holy Trinity on the west, to hold of the chief lord of the fee. (No. 477.) Residue of my goods to the said Joan, whom I make my executrix to dispose of them for my soul. Witnesses, Sir John Apparr', my curate, Sir John Knylle, Nicholas Heyr[en] (see No. 559), Sir Robert Gaskyn, William Byrche, and others, witnesses by me specially called and requested."

PROBATE OF THE AFORESAID WILL.

Proved at the Court at Dorchester, Monday, 25th January, 16 Henry VII. [1501], before Robert Polyn and Alexander Browne, Bailiffs. Livery of seisin. Sealed by the Bailiffs.

552.

CHARTER OF JOAN DYER, MADE TO JOHN FRENCHE AND ALIONER, HIS WIFE.

Joan Dyer, late wife of John Dier, in her pure widowhood grants to John Frenche and Elioner, his wife, and their heirs, her burgage on the west side of High South Street, between the burgage of the Prior of St. John of Dorchester on the north and that of Andrew Golde on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Wylyams, Robert Polyn, Bailiffs, William Martyn, Esq., Steward, John Hobell, John Hulle, Henry Wulfe, Robert Barbet, Henry Snellyng, Robert Whyte, and many others. Dorchester, 2nd October, 5 Henry VII. [1489]. (*Cf.* 553-5.)

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553.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF JOAN DYER, MADE TO JOHN FRENCHE, AND ALIONER, HIS WIFE.

Joan Dyer, widow of John Dier, constitutes Thomas Snellyng and William Storche her attorneys, to deliver seisin in the aforesaid burgage to John Frenche and Alioner. Dorchester, 2nd October, 5 Henry VII. [1489]. (*Cf.* 552, 554-5.)

554.

HARTER OF JOHN FRENCHE, SEN., MADE TO JOAN STANLEY, WIDOW.

John Frenche, of Dorchester, grants to Joan Stanley, 'idow, for her life his burgage with curtilage adjacent conveyed ı the preceding charter, provided that after the death of John 'rench, jun., son and heir of said John French, sen., the said urgage with curtilage remain to said Joan Stanley, widow, nd her heirs for ever, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Vitnesses, Robert Barbett and William Persons, Bailiffs, nd many others. 10th April, 14 Henry VII. [1499]. (*Cf.* 52-3, 555.)

555.

ETTER OF ATTORNEY OF JOHN FRENCHE, MADE TO JOAN STANLEY, WIDOW.

John Frenche, of Dorchester, sen., constitutes Thomas nellyng and Edward Byrche his attorneys to deliver seisin ı the aforesaid burgage to Joan Stanley, widow. 10th April, 4 Henry VII. [1499]. (*Cf.* 552-4.)

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556.

WILL OF WILLIAM STANLEY.

" In the Name, etc., 7th August, 1501, I, William Stanley, equeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of All aints church of Wynterborne Waste. To the fabric of the hurch of Sarum 6d. To the church of All Saints of Wynterorne Waste, three sheep. To John Stanley, my son, and is heirs, my house in West Street, Dorchester. If John should ie before his mother, then I will that Cecilia, my wife, have he said house for her life, and after her decease to remain to Villiam Bonde and Lucy, his wife, and their heirs. Residue f all my goods to Cecilia, my wife, and John Stanley, my son, 'hom I make my executors, to dispose of them for the welfare f my soul. William Bonde to be overseer, and to have eight heep for his labour. Dated at Wynterborne Wast. Witnesses, 'homas Samwyse, Edward Pytte, John Bartelett, and many thers."

PROBATE OF THE AFORESAID WILL.

Proved at the Court at Dorchester, Monday after the feast of St. Katherine, 17 Henry VII. [1501], before Robert Aden and William Byrche, Bailiffs. Livery of seisin to said Cecilia.

557.

WILL OF ROGER ARTURE.

"In the Name, etc., 16th April, 1483, I, Roger Arture, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the cemetery of Holy Trinity, Dorchester. To the fabric of the church of . . . . 12d. To the Fraternity of B.M.V. in the church of St. Peter of Dorchester 3s. 4d. To Sir Thomas, curate of the church of Holy Trinity, to pray for my soul 20d. To Agnes, my wife, and her heirs, my burgage I dwell in, and all other burgages, etc., in Dorchester, to hold of the King *in capite*. Residue of my goods to Agnes, my wife, to dispose of them for the welfare of my soul. I appoint her executrix, and John Hobell and William Clapcote, overseers. Witnesses, Master Richard Hyll, Rector of Holy Trinity, Sir Peter Myller, Perpetual Vicar of the parish church of Abuttisbery, Sir Thomas Clyffe, Sir Robert Brincknoll, John Hobell, and many others."

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558.

CHARTER OF THOMAS GAWLER AND EMMA, HIS WIFE, MADE TO WILLIAM STONE AND JULIAN, HIS WIFE.

Thomas Gawler and Emma, his wife, grant to William Stone and Julian, his wife, and their heirs, two burgages with curtilage, built in the Borough of Dorchester on the south side of the High Street, between the burgage of Richard Hayren on the east and that of Edmund Dier on the west, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Wylyams, sen., and Richard Haywarde, Bailiffs, Robert Aden, William Birche, constables, John Hobell, Robert Polayn, Alexander Browne, and many others. Dorchester, 4th April, 18 Henry VII. [1503]. (*Cf.* 559.)

559.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY UPON THE AFORESAID CHARTER.

Thomas Gawler and Emma, his wife, constitute Nicholas Hayren and Thomas Snellyng their attorneys to deliver seisin

in the aforesaid two burgages to William Stone and Julian, his wife. Dorchester, 4th April, 18 Henry VII. [1503]. (*Cf.* 558.)

560.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MOREYE, CHAPLAIN, AND JOHN PASCO, STEWARD OF BLESSED MARY IN CHURCH OF ST. PETER OF DORCHESTER, MADE TO WILLIAM WATTS AND AGNES, HIS WIFE.

Robert Moreye, chaplain, and John Pasco, stewards or wardens of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter, Dorchester, with the consent of all their *confratres* of the said Fraternity, grant for them and their successors of the aforesaid Fraternity to William Symond, *alias dictus* William Wattys, and Agnes, his wife, and their heirs, their burgage with curtilage on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the Abbot of Abbottisbery on the north and that of Alice Drayton on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Sealed with their seal of office (*sigillum nostrum officii senescallorum sive Custodum Fraternitatis predicte*). Also with the official seal of the Bailiffs of the Borough. Witnesses, John Saunders and Richard Toyly, Bailiffs, Robert Grene, Walter Grene, John Dier, Thomas Wilton, Roger Artur, Richard Aylemer, John Baron, and others. 28th March, 3 Edward IV. [1463]. (*Cf.* 561-3.)

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561.

CHARTER OF WALTER WATTYS, MADE TO JOHN STANLAY AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Walter Wattys, son and heir of William Wattys, of Chesylborn, grants to John Stanlay and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of John, his burgage with garden adjoining on the east side of South Street, between the burgage of the Abbot and Convent of Abottisbery on the north and that late Alice Drayton's on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, John Wyllyams and Robert Polyn, Bailiffs, John H——, John Hulle, Henry Wulfe, and many others. Dorchester, the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 4 Henry VII. [1489]. (*Cf.* 560, 562-3.)

562.

RELEASE OF WALTER WATTYS, MADE TO JOHN STANLAY AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Walter Watts aforesaid releases to John Stanlaye and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of John, all right in the said burgage with garden. Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 4 Henry VII. [1489]. (*Cf.* 560-1, 563.)

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563.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF WALTER WATTYS, MADE TO JOHN STANLAY AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

Walter Wattys constitutes John Draper and William Storche, of Dorchester, his attorneys to deliver seisin in the aforesaid burgage with garden to John Stanlay and Joan, his wife. The day, year and place aforesaid. (*Cf.* 560-2).

564.

CHARTER OF JOHN HOWELL, MADE TO JOHN WYMBOLDE AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Howell, of Sarum, Wilts, grants to John Wymbolde, of Dorchester, and Joan, his wife, and their heirs, his tenement or burgage with curtilage on the west side of South Street, between the burgage late John Heyre's on the north and that of Blessed Mary on the south, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Robert Pullane [Polyn in original]. and Alexander Broun, Bailiffs, John Hobell, John Williams, John Boyte, William Byrche, Richard Haywarde, Geoffrey Ferman, Robert Aden, and many others. Dorchester, 17th July, 16 Henry VII. [1501]. (*Cf.* 565.)

The original of this deed still exists among the Town Records, with small seal of red wax attached (broken), bearing the letter "h." It is endorsed "Irro^r in Domysday cvij° filio (*sic*) in Anno rr'i Henr' septimi vicesimo." "B 4" in Mr. Moule's Calendar.

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ROBERT BARBET, JOHN WILLIAMS, JUN., } Bailiffs, 16 Henry VII. [1500-1].

565.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF JOHN HOWELL, OF SARUM, MADE TO JOHN WYMBOLD AND JOAN, HIS WIFE.

John Howell constitutes Thomas Snellynge and Edward Byrche his attorneys, to deliver seisin in the aforesaid burgage with curtilage to John Wymbolde and Joan, his wife, and their heirs. Dorchester, 17th July, 16 Henry VII. [1501]. (*Cf.* 564.)

The original of this Letter of Attorney (No. 565) still exists among the Town Records. It bears a small seal of red wax, obliterated, and is endorsed, "Irro^r in Domysday folio cviij Anno rr'i Henrici Septimi vicesimo." ("B 3" in Mr. Moule's Calendar.)

566.

CHARTER OF JOHN PASCOWE, MADE TO WILLIAM HYLL AND ISABEL, HIS WIFE.

Master John Pascowe, Rector of the parish church of Warmwell, Dorset, son and executor of the will of John Pascowe, grants to William Hyll and Isabel, his wife, and their heirs, his burgage on the south side of High Street, opposite *les Fysheshamelles*, between a burgage of the said town on the west and the tenement of St. John on the east, which burgage he had by grant of said John Pascowe, his father, in his last will, to find a chaplain celebrating and praying for the souls of the said John Pascowe, the father, and Joan, his wife, and all their parents, which will is faithfully fulfilled by a chaplain named Sir Robert Byrtnoll, a copy of which is annexed to this charter, to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, John Williams, sen., Richard Hayward, Bailiffs, Robert Aden, William Byrche, Constables, John Hobell, Robert Pullane, Roger Howell, Henry Snellynge, and many others. Dorchester, 10th May, 18 Henry VII. [1503]. (*Cf.* 567-9.)

567.

COPY OF THE WILL OF JOHN PASCOWE, OF DORCHESTER.

"In the Name, etc., the penultimate day of November, 1473, I, John Pascowe, of Dorchester, bequeath . . . my body to be buried in the church of St. Peter, Dorchester. To the

church of Blessed Mary of Sarum, 12d. To the fabric of the church of St. Peter 6s. 8d. To the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of the said church 6s. 8d. To the Fraternity of the Holy Cross in the same church, two ewe sheep. To the Rector of the said church 6s. 8d. To John Pascowe, my son, and his heirs, a house on the south side of High Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of St. John on the east, and that of the town of Dorchester on the west, to find a chaplain to celebrate and pray for the said John Pascowe and Joan, his wife, and all their parents, during two years (No. 566, 568, 569.) To Robert Pascowe, my son, a house in South Street, at the end of Durnelane, between the tenement late Thomas Wilton's on the north and that of John Gayte on the south ; and further a burgage in Peselane *aforesaid* (*sic*) on the south side of that street, between the tenement of John Skynnare on the west. Residue of my goods to Sir John Pascowe, whom I appoint my executor, to dispose of them for the welfare of my soul. John Hobell and Henry Snellynge, of Dorchester, to be overseers, and to receive 6s. 8d. each for their labour." (*Cf.* 511.)

PROBATE OF THE SAME WILL.

Proved at the Court at Dorchester before John Saundris and Henry Snellynge, Bailiffs, and seisin in the aforesaid burgages delivered to John and Robert. Sealed with their seal of office. Last day of July, 15 Edward IV. [1475].

There is added, in an irregular hand, "Super predictum testamentum ego Johannes Pascw clericus et Rector ecclesie parochialis de Warmwell scripci quandam cartam de burgagiis meis situatis in villa Dorcestrie quam cartam ego predictus Johannes Pascw in curia publica coram ballivis et pluribus aliis honestis viris revoco et pro nichilo reputo tempore Roberti Adyn et Roberti Pycher ballivorum tunc temporis." This is probably in the handwriting of Sir John.

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568.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF JOHN PASCOWE, MADE TO WILLIAM HILL AND ISABEL, HIS WIFE.

John Pascowe, Rector of Warmwell, constitutes Thomas Snellynge his attorney, to deliver seisin in his burgage opposite *les Fyshamelles* to William Hill and Isabel, his wife, and their heirs. 10th May, 18 Henry VII. [1503]. (*Cf.* 566-7, 569.)

569.

RELEASE OF JOHN PASCOWE, MADE TO WILLIAM HYLL AND ISABEL, HIS WIFE.

John Pascowe, Rector of Warmwell, releases to William Hyll and Isabel, his wife, and their heirs, all right in the aforesaid burgage, 10th May, 18 Henry VII. [1503]. (*Cf.* 566-8.)

570.

CHARTER OF JOHN SAGE, MADE TO ROBERT SAGE.

John Sage, of Tynkylton, Dorset, grants to Robert Sage, his son, and Edith, wife of Robert, and their heirs, his burgage on the north side of East Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of Blessed Mary of St. Peter's on the west and that belonging to the parish church of All Saints of the same town on the east, to hold of the King *in capite*, so that [neither] the said Robert, nor anyone in his name, shall have anything of increase or rent of the said burgage during the life of John, the father, and Agnes, the wife of John. Warranty. Witnesses, William Martyn, Steward, John Boyte and Thomas Hoskyns, Bailiffs, Robert Aden and William Person, Constables, John Hobell, John Williams, William Burche, Robert Davy, of Sutton Poyntz, Richard de Hyll, of Taraunt Henton, Robert Corben, of Offpedyll, Robert White, of the same, John Bakar, sen., John Bakar, jun., Thomas Chipp, of Fordyngton, William Palmar, of Dorchester, and others. Dorchester, 24th February, 15 Henry VII. [1500]. (*Cf.* 514-5, 571, 613.)

571.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF THE SAME.

John Sage, of Tynkylton, constitutes Thomas Snellynge and Edward Byrche his attorneys, to deliver seisin in the aforesaid burgage to Robert Sage and Edith, his wife, and their heirs. Dorchester, 26th February, 15 Henry VII. [1500]. (*Cf.* 514-5, 570, 613.)

Fol. v.

WILLIAM PERSONS, ROGER HOWELL, } Bailiffs, 2 Henry VIII. [1510-11].

572.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM PERSONS AND ROGER HOWELL, MADE TO JOHN DAVY.

William Persons and Roger Howell, Bailiffs of the Borough of Dorchester, with the assent and will of the Burgesses, grant

to John Davy, of Dorchester, and his heirs, their burgage on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the north and that of John Pascow, clerk, on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Witnesses, John Willyams, sen., William Stone, Richard Hayward, John Willyams, jun., William Palmer, Thomas Kynge, Robert Pychard, Nicholas Perham, Robert Aden, John Frenche, Robert Snellynge, Laurence Balner, Thomas Snellynge, William Hogkyns. Dorchester, 20th September, 2 Henry VIII. [1510]. (*Cf.* 573.)

Fol. v.

NICHOLAS PERHAME, JOHN ADEN, } Burgesses, 20 Henry VIII. [1528-9].

573.

CHARTER OF JOHN DAVY, MADE TO OWIN HAYMAN.

John Davy grants to Owin Hayman, and his heirs, his burgage on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the north and that of Walter Pascow on the south, to hold of the chief lords of that fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and John Flechar his attorneys to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Nicholas Parham and John Aden, Bailiffs, Roger Howell, and William Stone, sen., Constables, Laurence Baker, Reginald Rawlyng, Robert Jamys, John Jamys, Robert Newton, Walter Castell, William Townesend, Thomas Kyllyngford, Thomas Flowre, William Tardyff, William Palmer, Robert Snellynge, Thomas Belton, and many others. Dorchester, 10th March, 20 Henry VIII. [1529]. (*Cf.* 572.)

Fol. iiij.

JOHN JAMYS, WILLIAM STONE, JUN., } Bailiffs, 27 Henry VIII. [1535-6].

574.

CHARTER OF WALTER PASKEW, MADE TO JOHN ADEN, OF TWO BURGAGES.

Walter Paskew and Richard Paskew, his son and heir apparent, in execution of an agreement in an indenture dated 7th May, 27 Henry VIII., between them of the one part and

John Aden of the other part, grant to the said John and his heirs, their two burgages lying together on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of John Willyams, Esq., on the north, and that of Robert Marten, Esq., on the south, to hold of the chief lords of that fee. Warranty. Appointment of John Barry and John Davy, their attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Thomas Trenchard, Knight, Steward of the Borough, John James and William Stone, jun., Bailiffs, Reginald Rawlyn and Robert Jamys, Constables, Roger Howell, William Stone, sen., Laurence Balner, William Palmer, sen., William Palmer, jun., John Stratford, John Corbyn, Walter Thomas, Walter Castell, Thomas Kyllyngford, Robert Snellynge, William Townesend, Owin Hayman, Robert Armyson, William Wade, and others. 10th May, 27 Henry VIII. [1535]. (*Cf.* 275.)

Fol. iiij.

575.

RELEASE OF AFORESAID WALTER AND RICHARD, MADE TO AFORESAID JOHN ADEN, OF TWO BURGAGES AFORESAID.

Walter Paskew and Richard Paskew, his son and heir apparent, release to John Aden and his heirs all right in the two burgages conveyed in the foregoing charter. 11th May, 27 Henry VIII. [1535]. (*Cf.* 274.)

Fol. iiij.

576.

ARBITRATION OF ROBERT ASCOGH, CLERK, AND JOHN STORK, UPON A CERTAIN ANNUAL RENT OF 5S. PAYABLE TO THE FRATERNITY OF BLESSED MARY.

A dispute having arisen between Thomas Hopkyn, of Dorchester, and Thomas Wilton, of Dorchester, Wardens of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter's, of Dorchester, on the one part, and John Langton, *alias dictus* John Saunders, of Dorchester, on the other part, concerning the right to an annual rent of 5s. which the said Wardens, as in right of the said Chantry, claimed to be issuing from a messuage of the aforewritten John, next the church of All Saints, Dorchester, and the said parties on the intervention of their friends having submitted themselves to stand to the arbitration of Robert Ascogh, clerk, and John Storke, and the

said John Saunders has bound himself by his bond in £20 to the said Thomas Hopkyn to observe the decision arrived at; the said arbitration having heard the parties and having seen their evidences, on 20th November, 32 Henry VI. [1453], at Dorchester, adjudicate that the said John Langton and his heirs pay to the said Wardens and their successors the aforesaid annual rent of 5s. Dorchester, the day and year abovewritten.

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WILLIAM STONE, SEN., WALTER THOMAS, } Bailiffs, 28 Henry VIII. [1536-7].

577.

[CHARTER OF HENRY COLSTONE.]

William Townesende, for £20 sterling paid him by Henry Colstone, of the city of New Sarum, grants him and his heirs a messuage or tenement containing three burgages and curtilage in Dorchester, on the north side of East Street, between the tenement of Margaret Auden on the east and that of John Cawthorne, formerly Philip Morgan's, on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and John Ludlow, attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Laurence Balner and John Stratford, Bailiffs, John James and William Stone, jun., Constables, Roger Howell, Reginald Rawlyn, Robert Aden, *alias* Barbour, Robert James, Walter Smyth, John Flecher, John Davy, Thomas Belton, and others. 20th June, 28 Henry VIII. [1536].

REGINALD RAWLYN, JOHN ADEN, } Bailiffs, 29 Henry VIII. [1537-8].

578.

CHARTER OF LAURENCE BALNER, MADE TO ROBERT FOLLET AND EMMA, HIS WIFE.

Laurence Balner grants to Robert Follet and Emma, his wife, daughter of the grantor, and their heirs, his burgage with curtilage and garden on the south side of High West

Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the Abbot of Abbottysbury on the east and that of the feoffees of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of John Barry and John Davy, attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Reginald Rawlyn and John Aden, Bailiffs, William Stone, sen., and Walter Thomas, Constables, Roger Howell, Robert Jamys, John Jamys, John Stratford, William Palmer, sen., William Stone, jun., John Churchyll, Richard Perham, Richard Waglonde, John Corbyn, Ralph Peryn, William Palmer, jun., and others. 1st March, 29 Henry VIII. [1538].

Fol. v.

ROGER HOWELL, WILLIAM STONE, JUN., } Bailiffs, 31 Henry VIII. [1539-40].

579.

WILL OF MARGARET AUDEN.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 3rd February, 30 Henry VIII. [1539], was exhibited the will of Margaret Auden, widow, dated 8th July, 1535, 27 Henry VIII., containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Alexander Auden, my son, and his heirs, my three burgages in Dorchester (1) one on the north side of East Street, between a burgage late John Jurden's on the west and Freernelane, which leads from the said street towards the Friars Minors on the east (Nos. 580-4, 585); (2) and two other burgages lying together on the east side of the said lane, between the burgage of Roger Androw on the south and that of the Friars Minors on the north (Nos. 630-1), on condition that for twenty years after my death he and his executors pay from the profits of the said burgages, yearly, to the Wardens of the goods of the church of All Saints, 3s. 4d., with the intention that the said Wardens cause to be celebrated an obit or anniversary during the said term, in the said church, for my soul and the souls of all faithful departed, offering at Mass one penny, and paying to the Rector or Curate immediately after Mass, 4d., and to the parish clerk for tolling the bells, as is accustomed to be done for the dead, 3d., and applying the residue of the aforesaid 3s. 4d. to the repair of the church of All Saints. To hold of the chief lords of the fee."

ROGER HOWELL,
WILLIAM STONE, JUN., } Bailiffs, 31 Henry VIII. [1539-40].

580.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM STONE, SEN., MADE TO OWIN HAYWARD.

William Stone, sen., grants to Owin Hayward, and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the burgage late John Jorden's on the west and Freernelane leading from the said street towards the house late of the Friars Minors on the east, which he acquired by grant and release of Alexander Awden, the former dated 12th May, the latter 20th May, 31 Henry VIII. [1539], and which the said Alexander had by bequest of Margaret Awden, widow, his mother, by will dated 8th July, 1535, 27 Henry VIII., to hold of the King *in capite*. Warranty. Witnesses, Roger Howell and William Stone, jun., Bailiffs, Roger Rawlens, John Jamys, Robert Snellynge, John Corbyn, John Barry, John Davy, and many others. Dorchester, 25th September, 31 Henry VIII. [1539]. (*Cf.* 579, 581-2, 584-5.)

581.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF AFORESAID WILLIAM STONE, SEN.

William Stone, sen., constitutes Owen Hayman and Richard Predy his attorneys, to receive from Alexander Awden all evidences, writings, etc., concerning the warranty, sale, etc., of the aforesaid burgage. 1st June, 32 Henry VIII. [1540]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

582.

RELEASE OF WILLIAM STONE, SEN., MADE TO OWIN HAYMAN.

William Stone, sen., releases to Owen Hayman, and his heirs, all right in the aforesaid burgage. Warranty. Witnesses, Roger Howell and William Stone, jun., Bailiffs, Reginald Rawlyns, John Jamys, Robert Snellynge, John Corbyn, John Barry, John Davy, and many others. Dorchester, 4th October, 31 Henry VIII. [1539]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

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JOHN JAMES, JOHN CHURCHILL, } Bailiffs, 32 Henry VIII. [1540-1].

583.

[SALE MADE TO WILLIAM MIDDELTON.]

To the Court held at Dorchester, Monday, last day of May, 32 Henry VIII. [1540], came William Middelton, and requested the enrolment of a certain indenture to this effect: William Hurne, chaplain, for a certain sum of money, and for divers favours and benefits conferred on him by William Middelton, sells to the said William and his heirs his burgage with garden on the north side of Peselane, Dorchester, between the burgage of John Willyams on the east and that late Henry Bunter's on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of John Barry and John Davy his attorneys, to deliver seisin. 2nd January, 31 Henry VIII. [1540].

Fol. iiij.

JOHN JAMYS, JOHN CHURCHILL, } Bailiffs, 32 Henry VIII. [1540-1].

584.

CHARTER OF ALEXANDER AWDEN, MADE TO WILLIAM STONE, SEN.

Alexander Awden for £10 6s. 8d. has sold and by this indenture confirmed to William Stone, sen., and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the burgage late John Jurden's on the west, and Freern-lane, leading from the aforesaid street towards the house late of the Friars Minors on the east, which he lately had by bequest of Margaret Awden, widow, his mother, by her will, dated 8th July, 1535, 27 Henry VIII., to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of John Barry and John Davy, his attorneys, to deliver seisin. 1st June, 32 Henry VIII. [1540]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

585.

RELEASE OF ALEXANDER AWDEN, MADE TO WILLIAM STONE, SEN.

Alexander Awden releases to William Stone, sen., and his heirs, all right in the aforesaid burgage. Warranty. 4th June, 32 Henry VIII. [1540]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

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JOHN ADEN, } Bailiffs, 35 Henry VIII. [1543-4].
WILLIAM PALMER, }

586.

CHARTER OF JOAN ADEN, WIDOW, MADE TO JOHN ADEN, HER SON.

Joan Aden, late wife of Robert Aden, *alias* Barbet, in her pure widowhood grants to John Aden, *alias* Barbet, her son, and his heirs, her two burgages in Dorchester, on the south side of a lane leading towards la Durnegat on the east, opposite the burgage in which John Williams now dwells, between the burgage of the said John Williams on the east and that of William Fylloll on the west, which she had together with another burgage, in which the said John Aden now dwells, by bequest of Thomas Churchill, her brother, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stallyngton and John Fleccher, her attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Nicholas Perham and Robert Jamys, Bailiffs, John Willyams, William Stone, Richard Hayward, Roger Howell, Reginald Rawlynge, Laurence Balner, William Palmer, Robert Pychard, Thomas Mede, John Davy, John Jamys, Peter Flory, Thomas Snellynge, Nicholas Heron, Philip Morgan, and many others. Dorchester, 3rd May, 13 Henry VIII. [1521].

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587.

CHARTER OF JOAN ADEN, WIDOW, MADE TO JOHN ADEN, HER SON.

Joan Aden, late wife of Robert Aden, *alias* Barbet, in her pure widowhood grants to John Aden, *alias* Barbet, her son, and his heirs, her burgage on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of Thomas Colyngs on the north and that of John Williams on the south, which she had by bequest of Thomas Churchill, her brother, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stallyngton and John Fleccher her attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Nicholas Perham and Robert Jamys, Bailiffs, John Willyams, William Stone, Richard Hayward, Roger Howell, William Palmer, Laurence Balner, Robert Pychard, John Davy, Thomas Mede, Thomas Snellynge, Nicholas Heron, Peter Flory, Thomas Kyllyngeford, and many others. Dorchester, 20th May, 13 Henry VIII. [1521].

WALTER THOMAS, ROBERT SNELLYNGE, } Bailiffs, 30 Henry VIII. [1538-9].

588.

[SEISIN OF JOHN BENETT.]

To the Court at Dorchester, 18th May, 37 Henry VIII. [1545], came John Benett, son and heir of John Benet, sen., of Dorchester, and received seisin in a burgage on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of Thomas Trenchard, Knight, on the west and of John Lewston, Esq., on the east, in the presence of John Jamys and John Churchill, Constables, John Aden, Ralph Peryn, John Stratford, Reginald Rawlyn, and many others.

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JOHN JAMYS, JOHN CHURCHILL, } Bailiffs, 36 Henry VIII. [1544-5].

589.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MARTEN, ESQ., MADE TO NICHOLAS LYMPSTER OF ONE BURGAGE.

Robert Marten, of Athelhampston, Dorset, Esq., grants for a certain sum of money to John Lympster, and his heirs, his tenement with garden adjacent, within the free Borough of Dorchester, in South Street, between the tenement of John Aden on the north and that of John Samwys on the south, and the King's way on the west, in which John Barber now dwells, and holds of the said Robert Martyn for his life, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Warden and William Essyks, his attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Richard Phelipp, Esq., John Stocker, John Chettell, gentlemen, John Yonge, and others. 24th May, 35 Henry VIII. [1543]. (*Cf.* 590.)

590.

RELEASE OF THE SAID ROBERT MARTYN, MADE TO AFORESAID NICHOLAS LYMPSTER.

Robert Martyn, of Athelhampston, Esq., releases to Nicholas Lympster, of Dorchester, and his heirs, all right in the aforesaid tenement. Witnesses, Richard Phelipp, Esq., John Stocker, John Chettell, gentlemen, John Yonge, and others. 24th May, 35 Henry VIII. [1543]. (*Cf.* 589.)

591.

WILL OF WILLIAM STONE, SEN.

At the Court, Dorchester, Monday, 10th August, 37 Henry VIII. [1545], was exhibited the will of William Stone, sen., of Dorchester, *unius valectorum corone dicti Domini regis*, dated 27th April, 1542, 34 Henry VIII., containing, *inter alia*, "I bequeath to Anne, my wife, for her life my burgage with curtilage called *Wasys*, on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of John Wyllyams, Esq., on the east, and the burgage of me, the said William Stone, sen., called *le Gurnard*, on the west, remainder to William Stone, my son and heir apparent, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, remainder to Leonard Stone, my son, and his like heirs, remainder to my right heirs for ever, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Also I bequeath to the said Anne, my wife, for her life, another burgage and curtilage called *Gurnerd*, on the south side of High West Street, between my burgage called *Wasys* on the east and that late Laurence Balerner's on the west, after her death to remain to Elizabeth Halet, my daughter, and the heirs male of her body lawfully begotten, remainder to Leonard Stone, my son, and his like heirs, remainder to my right heirs, to hold of the chief lord of the fee. Also to the said Anne, my wife, for her life, another burgage and curtilage at Glydepath, on the east side of a street called Colyncolrew, between the burgage of the King's, late of the Friars Minors, on the north, and that of the Master of the chapel of St. John there on the south, after her death to remain to Leonard Stone, my son (as before), to hold of the chief lord of the fee."

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REGINALD RAWLYN, RICHARD PERHAM, } Bailiffs, [37 Henry VIII. 1545-6].

592.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM JERARD, MADE TO MICHAEL VASE, OF FOUR BURGAGES, ETC.

William Jerard, Esq., son and heir of John Jerard, Esq., for the sum of £8 paid him by Michael Vase and John Vase, second son of Michael, grants by indenture to the said Michael and John Vase his four burgages and four curtilages and one *Deane* in Dorchester, viz., (1) Three burgages and three cur-

tilages lying together on the east side of High South Street, between the burgage late Robert Chicke's on the north and that of Robert Peers on the south; (2) The fourth with curtilage and *le Deane*, lying together on the east side of High South Street, between the burgage of Owin Hayman on the north and that of said Michael Vase on the south, to hold to said Michael and John Vase, and the heirs of the body of John lawfully begotten, remainder to William Vase, son and heir apparent of said Michael, and his like heirs, remainder to Cristina Vase, one of the daughters of Michael, and her like heirs, remainder to the right heirs of Michael for ever, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of John Barry and William Tardyffe, his attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Reginald Rawlyn and Richard Perham, Bailiffs, Walter Thomas and Robert Snellynge, Constables, John Aden, John Jamys, John Churchill, William Palmer, William Stone, John Stratford, John Davy, Richard Waglond, John Knyghton, Robert Aden, William Holman, Robert Crybbe, Ralph Peryn, John Corbyn, Owin Hayman, Thomas Kyllyngforde, and others. 6th December, 37 Henry VIII. [1545], by me, William Jerard. (*Cf.* 593.)

593.

RELEASE OF WILLIAM JERARD, MADE TO MICHAEL VASE, OF FOUR BURGAGES.

William Jerard, Esq., son and heir of John Jerard, releases to Michael Vase and John Vase, his second son, in full possession all right in the four burgages and curtilages and *a Deane*, conveyed in the preceding charter. Same witnesses. 21st December, 37 Henry VIII. [1545]. (*Cf.* 592.)

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594.

CHARTER OF ROGER ANDROWES, MADE TO MICHAEL VASE, OF ONE BURGAGE.

Roger Androwes, son and heir of Petronilla Wrightson, widow, late wife of William Wrightson, for 26s. 8d., paid by Michael Vase, sells to the said Michael and his heirs his burgage on the east side of High South Street, between the burgage of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester on the north and that of John Willyams on the south, to hold of the chief

lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Tardyffe and John Barry, his attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Reginald Rawlyn and Richard Perham, Bailiffs, Walter Thomas and Robert Snellynge, Constables, John Aden, John James, John Churchill, John Stratford, William Palmer, William Stone, John Davy, Robert Aden, John Knyghton, William Holman, Robert Crybbe, John Corbyn, Ralph Peryn, Thomas Kyllyngeford, Owin Hayman, Thomas Belton, Roger Androwes, and others. 12th May, 38 Henry VIII. [1546]. (*Cf.* 595.)

595.

BOND OF THE AFORESAID ROGER ANDROWES, MADE TO THE AFORESAID MICHAEL VASE.

Roger Androwes, son and heir of Petronilla Wrightson, widow, late wife of William Wrightson, is bound in 40s. to Michael Vase, that the aforesaid burgage be discharged of all incumbrances whatsoever. 12th May, 38 Henry VIII. [1546]. (*Cf.* 594.)

596.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM TARDYFF, MADE TO MICHAEL VASE, OF ONE BURGAGE.

William Tardyff for 6s. 8d. grants to Michael Vase and his heirs his burgage on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of John Wyllyams, Esq., on the north and that of the Community of the Borough on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of John Barry and Roger Androwes, his attorneys, to deliver seisin. Sealed by the Bailiffs, *quia sigillum meum quam pluribus est incognitum.* Witnesses, Reginald Rawlyn and Richard Perham, Bailiffs, Walter Thomas and Robert Snellynge, Constables, John Aden, John Jamys, John Churchyll, William Palmer, John Stratford, John Davy, Robert Aden, William Holman, John Knyghton, Robert Crybbe, Ralph Peryn, William Stone, John Corbyn, Owin Hayman, Thomas Belton, Thomas Kyllyngeford, John Balner, and others. 10th May, 38 Henry VIII. [1546].

597.

CHARTER OF THOMAS KYLLYNGEFORDE MADE TO RICHARD LEWYS, OF ONE BURGAGE.

Thomas Kyllyngeforde for £4 paid him by his son-in-law, Richard Lewys, grants to him and Agnes, his wife, the grantor's daughter, and their heirs, his burgage on the east side of a lane in Dorchester, called *le Northlane*, between the burgage formerly Stephen Crymelforde's and now Margaret Wynsore's, widow, on the north, and the burgage late Roger Howell's on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Tardyffe and John Barry, his attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Reginald Rawlyn and Richard Perham, Bailiffs, Walter Thomas and Robert Snellynge, Constables, John Aden, John James, John Churchill, William Palmer, John Stratford, John Davy, William Stone, Robert Aden, William Holman, Richard Waglond, John Knyghton, Owin Hayman, Robert Crybbe, John Corbyn, Ralph Peryn, Thomas Belton, Thomas Gay, Nicholas Foxwell, John Eston, John Balner, Roger Androwes, and others. 10th May, 38 Henry VIII. [1546]. (*Cf.* 264. 604.)

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REGINALD RAWLYN, RICHARD PERHAM, } Bailiffs, 38 Henry VIII.*

598.

CHARTER OF JOHN FLOWRE, MADE TO JOHN POPE, OF ONE BURGAGE.

John Flower grants to John Pope, of Lynyngton, Dorset,† husbondman, and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of William Palmer on the east and west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of John Barry and William Stone, jun., his attorneys, to deliver seisin. Sealed by the Burgesses, as his own seal is unknown. Witnesses, Reginald Rawlyn and Richard Perham, Bailiffs, Walter Thomas and Robert Snellynge, Constables, John Jamys, William Stone, sen., William Palmer, Richard Waglond, John Stratford, John Davy, and others. 10th June, 38 Henry VIII. [1546]. (*Cf.* 599.)

* 38 Henry VIII. should be 37 Henry VIII, 1545-6, if the beginning of the year of office is intended.

† Lillington, commonly pronounced "Linnington" at the present day.

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599.

RELEASE OF SAID JOHN FLOWER, MADE TO AFORESAID JOHN POPE.

John Flower releases to John Pope and his heirs all right in the aforesaid burgage. Warranty. Sealed by the Bailiffs. Same witnesses as in the charter. 13th June, 38 Henry VIII. [1546]. (*Cf.* 598.)

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JOHN JAMES, RICHARD WAGLOND, } Bailiffs, 37 Henry VIII. [1545-6].

600.

CHARTER OF JOHN CLERCKE, MADE TO JOHN CORBYN, OF ONE BURGAGE.

John Clercke grants to John Corbyn, baker, and his heirs, his tenement of two burgages with curtilages in Dorchester, lying on the east side of a certain lane commonly called Alhalon churche lane, formerly called Belamys bakehouse, between the burgage of the King, formerly of the Abbot of Byndon, on the north, and that of John Pynge, formerly Margaret Boith's, on the south, and extending towards the burgage of the heir of Mr. Coker on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of John Davy and William Stone, sadler, his attorneys, to deliver seisin. Sealed with the common seal (*sigillum commune*) of the town, *quia sigillum meum quam pluribus est incognitum.* Witnesses, John James and John Churchill, Bailiffs, William Stone, sen., *valecto Corone Domini Regis,* Roger Howell, Reginald Rawlyn, William Stone, jun., John Aden, Richard Perham, Robert Snellynge, Robert Aden, Robert Randall, William Tardy, Thomas Kyllyngwurth, Thomas Belton, Roger Androw, John Balner, and many others. Dorchester, 15th May 32 Henry VIII. [1540]. (*Cf.* 648.)

601.

CHARTER OF JOHN CLERCKE, MADE TO JOHN CORBYN.

John Clercke, in performance of agreement of certain indentures of even date with these presents grants to John Corbyn, sen., of Dorchester, baker, his burgage with curtilage

on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of William Chycke on the south and that of the Wardens of the parish church of All Saints on the north, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of Philip Pollerd and William Stone, jun., his attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Jamys and Richard Waglond, Bailiffs, Reginald Rawlyn, and Richard Perham, Constables, Walter Thomas, John Churchill, Robert Snellynge, John Stratford, William Palmer, William Stone, sen., John Davy, William Holman, John Knyghton, Robert Aden, William Pynge, Robert Crybbe, John Palmer, Owin Hayman, Thomas Kyllyngeforde, Thomas Belton, Roger Androwes, and others. 1st March, 1 Edward VI. [1547]. (*Cf.* 674.)

602.

CHARTER OF ROBERT FOLET AND EMMA, HIS WIFE, MADE TO JOHN KNYGHTON.

Robert Folet and Emma, his wife, for £20 grant to John Knyghton and his heirs their burgage with curtilage and garden on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of Edmund Peckham, Knight, on the east and that of the Feoffees of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary in the church of St. Peter, Dorchester, on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of John Barry and William Tardyffe, their attorneys, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Walter Thomas and Robert Snellynge, Bailiffs, John Jamys and John Churchill, Constables, Reginald Rawlyn, John Aden, William Palmer, William Stone, John Stratford, Robert Aden, Richard Waglond, William Holman, Richard Perham, Owin Hayman, Thomas Kyllyngeford, Robert Crybbe, Ralph Peryn, John Corbyn, John Davy, John Eston, Roger Androwes and Thomas Floure, burgesses and inhabitants of the Borough. 21st June, 37 Henry VIII. [1545].

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JOHN CHURCHILL, JOHN KNYGHTON, } Bailiffs, [1 Edward VI. 1547-8].

603.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MARTYN, ESQ., MADE TO RICHARD LEWYS.

Robert Martyn, Esq., for £10 grants to Richard Lewys, of Dorchester, barbor, and his heirs, his burgage, curtilage

and garden on the west side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the grantor in which Robert Rendall now dwells, on the north and that of Giles Cowper on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and John Pollerd his attorneys to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Jamys and Richard Waglond, Bailiffs, Reginald Rawlyn and Richard Perham, Constables, John Churchyll, John Stratford, Walter Thomas, William Stone, sen., William Palmer, Robert Snellynge, Robert Aden, William Holman, John Knyghton, John Corbyn, Robert Crybbe, William Pynge, Owin Hayman, John Davy, Thomas Kyllyngford, Thomas Belton, Roger Androwes, and others. 5th July, 1 Edward VI. [1547].

604.

CHARTER OF RICHARD HOWELL, MADE TO WILLIAM HOWELL, HIS BROTHER.

Richard Howell, son and heir and executor of the will of Roger Howell, reciting that the said Roger, by will dated 28th August, 1545, 37 Henry VIII., bequeathed to William Howell, Richard's brother, and his heirs, his burgage on the east side of a street called Collyncolle Rew, Dorchester, between the burgage of Thomas Kyllyngford on the north and the garden of said Richard Howell on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee, on condition that the said William within the space of five years should pay the said Richard 40s., acknowledges that he has received that sum before the date of these presents, and confirms to William all right in the said burgage. 1st October, 1 Edward VI. [1547]. (*Cf.* 597, 605.)

605.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM HOWELL, MADE TO WILLIAM CRYMELL.

William Howell, son of Roger Howell, grants to William Crymell, and his heirs, for £6 the burgage named in the preceding charter, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollard his attorneys to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Churchyll and John Knyghton, Bailiffs, John James and Richard Waglond, Constables, Reginald Rawlyn, Walter Thomas, Robert Snellynge, Richard Perham, William Palmer, John Stratford,

William Stone, sen., Robert Aden, William Holman, William Pynge, Owin Hayman, John Corbyn, Robert Crybbe, Ralph Peryn, and others. Penultimate day of October, 1 Edward VI. [1547].

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WILLIAM STONE, SEN., JOHN CORBYN, } Bailiffs, [2 Edward VI. 1548-9].

606.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MARTYN, ESQ., MADE TO JOHN CORBYN.

Robert Martyn, of Adelmyston, in the parish of Puddelton, Dorset, Esq., grants to John Corbyn, and his heirs, his two burgages lying together and all his gardens on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of John Peryn on the east and the field (*campum*) of Fordyngton on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of Philip Pollard and William Stone, jun., his attorneys to deliver seisin. 17th September, 1 Edward VI. [1547].

607.

CHARTER OF RICHARD HOWELL, MADE TO WILLIAM CRYMELL.

Richard Howell, of Dorchester, yoman, son and heir of Roger Howell, deceased, and of Julian, his wife, for 65s. grants to William Crymell, and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of Peselane, between the burgage of Richard Hayward on the east and the way which leads to le glyte pathe, on the west (*viam que ducit ad le glyte pathe*), to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollerd his attorneys to deliver seisin. Witnesses, William Stone, sen., and John Corbyn, Bailiffs, John Churchyll and John Knyghton, Constables, Reginald Rawlyn, John Jamys, Walter Thomas, John Stratford, Robert Snellynge, John Davy, William Palmer, Richard Perham, Richard Waglon, Robert Aden, William Pynge, Ralph Peryn, Thomas Belton, Owin Hayman, Morgan Hayne, John Scotte, Mathew Wolffe, and others. Dorchester, 9th February, 3 Edward VI. [1549].

JOHN STRATFORD, RALPH PERYN, } Bailiffs, [3 Edward VI. 1549-50].

608.

CHARTER OF FULK MOUNCELOWE AND RICHARD HOLTE, GENT., MADE TO WILLIAM CHYLDE.

Fulk Mouncelowe, of the city of New Sarum, Wilts, gent., and Richard Holte, late of the same, gent., executors of the will of Henry Coldstone, late of the same city, draper, deceased, grant for the sum of £16 8s. 2d. to William Chylde, of Helton, Dorset, husbondman, and his heirs, a messuage, three burgages with curtilage lying together on the north side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of Margaret Awden on the east and that of John Crawthorne, formerly Philip Morgan's, on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of Richard Savage and William Harbyn, their attorneys, to deliver seisin. 21st March, 2 Edward VI. [1548]. (*Cf.* 609-11.)

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609.

RELEASE OF FULK MOUNCELOWE AND RICHARD HOLTE, MADE TO WILLIAM CHILDE.

Fulc Mouncelowe and Richard Holte release to William Chylde all right in the premises conveyed in the preceding charter. Warranty. 23rd March, 2 Edward VI. [1548]. (*Cf.* 608, 610-11.)

610.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM CHYLDE, MADE TO OWIN HAYMAN.

William Chylde, of Helton, Dorset, husbandman, for £18 sells to Owin Hayman, of Dorchester, barber, and his heirs, the messuage, two burgages with curtilage on the north side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the tenement of Margaret Awden and late of the said Owin's on the east, and that of John Crawthorne, late Philip Morgan's, on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollard his attorneys

to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Stratford and Ralph Peryn, Bailiffs, William Stone, sen., and John Corbyn, Constables, John Churchyll, Reginald Rawlyn, John Jamys, sen., Walter Thomas, Robert Snellynge, Richard Perham, John Davy, William Palmer, John Knyghton, Richard Waglon, Robert Aden, William Pynge, William Holman, Thomas Belton, Thomas Whythorne, and others. 24th May, 4 Edward VI. [1550]. (*Cf.* 608-9, 611.)

611.

Release of William Chylde, made to Owin Hayman.

William Chylde, of Helton, husbandman, releases to Owin Hayman, of Dorchester, barber, all right in the two burgages with curtilages conveyed by the preceding charter. Warranty. 25th May, 4 Edward VI. [1550]. (*Cf.* 608-10.)

612.

Charter of John Churchyll, made to Owin Hayman.

John Churchyll, of Dorchester, clothyer (reciting that Edward VI. by letters patent under the Great Seal, 12th March, third year of his reign [1549], granted to the said John Churchyll and his heirs the burgage or garden now or late in the occupation of Fabian Cannycke, on the west side of South Street, between the burgage of John Stratford on the south and another of the said John Stratford on the north, lately belonging to the Priory of St. John of Dorchester now dissolved, to hold of the King in free burgage of his Borough of Dorchester), sells the same premises to Owin Hayman and his heirs. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and John Pollard, his attorneys to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Stratford and Ralph Peryn, Bailiffs, William Stone, sen., and John Corbyn, Constables, Reginald Rawlyn, John James, sen., Walter Thomas, Robert Snellynge, Richard Perham, John Davy, William Palmer, John Knyghton, Richard Waglon, Robert Aden, William Pynge, William Holman, Thomas Belton, Thomas Whythorne, Roger Androwes, Nicholas Lymester, John Palmer, and others. Dorchester, 20th October, 3 Edward VI. [1549]. (*Cf.* 658.)

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613.

CHARTER OF RALPH LAMBE, MADE TO THOMAS BELTON.

Ralph Lambe, of London, gent., sells to Thomas Belton, of Dorchester, hatmaker, and his heirs, his tenement now or late in the occupation of said Thomas, in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, between the burgage of the Chantry of Dorchester on the west and that of the church of All Saints on the east, late belonging to the Monastery of Mylton, Dorset, which the said Ralph, *inter alia*, acquired by grant of John Pope and Anthony Forster, of London, gentlemen, dated 4th October, 36 Henry VIII. [1544], and which the said John and Anthony had by letters patent of the King, dated at Westminster, 26th September, 36th year of his reign, to hold of the King in free burgage and common socage, by fealty only and not *in capite*. Warranty. Appointment of John Stratford and Mathew Wolfe, his attorneys to deliver seisin. 6th January, 36 Henry VIII. [1545]. (*Cf.* 514-5, 570-1.)

No. 514 shews that the "Chantry of Dorchester," named above, was the "Chantry of Roger Syward."

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614.

CHARTER OF LEONARD POPE, MADE TO JOHN CORBYN.

Leonard Pope, son and heir apparent of Robert Pope, lately deceased, in performance of a covenant in certain indentures of the date of these presents between him and John Corbyn, sen., of Dorchester, baker, sells to the said John and his heirs his burgage on the south side of High West Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of Ralph Peryn on the west and that of William Stone, sen., late deceased, on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollard his attorneys to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Stratford and Ralph Peryn, Bailiffs, William Stone, sen., one of the Constables, Walter Thomas, John Churchell, John Knyghton, Robert Snellynge, Owin Hayman, Thomas Belton, William Pynge, Robert Aden, William Holman, John Palmer, Roger Androwes, and others. 13th September, 3 Edward VI. [1549]. (*Cf.* 632.)

615.

CHARTER OF JOHN CHURCHELL, MADE TO JOHN CORBYN.

John Churchell, of Dorchester, draper, in performance of a covenant in certain indentures of the date of these presents, grants to John Corbyn, sen., of Dorchester, baker, and his heirs, his burgage on the north side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of Robert Hunte on the west and that of the said John Corbyn on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollard his attorneys to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Stratford and Ralph Peryn, Bailiffs, William Stone, sen., one of the Constables, John Jamys, Walter Thomas, Robert Snellynge, John Knyghton, Owin Hayman, Thomas Belton, Robert Aden, William Pynge, John Palmer, and other comburgesses. 10th December, 3 Edward VI. [1549].

616.

CHARTER OF JULIAN POPE, WIDOW, MADE TO JOHN CORBYN.

Julian Pope, late relict of Robert Pope, in her pure and lawful widowhood sells to John Corbyn, sen., of Dorchester, baker, and his heirs, her burgage on the south side of a lane there, between the burgage of William Halet on the west and the mansion (*mansionem*) of the Rector of All Saints church on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollard her attorneys to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Stratford and Ralph Peryn, Bailiffs, William Stone, one of the Constables, Walter Thomas, John Churchell, John Knyghton, Robert Snellynge, Owin Hayman, Thomas Belton, William Pynge, Robert Aden, John Davye, William Holman, John Palmer, Roger Androwes, and others. 10th February, 4 Edward VI. [1550]. (*Cf.* 633.)

WALTER THOMAS, ROBERT ADEN, } Bailiffs [4 Edward VI. 1550-1].

617.

CHARTER OF ROBERT MARTEN, MADE TO GILES COWPER.

Robert Marten, Esq., for £11 grants to Giles Cowper, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his messuage in Dorchester,

and that part of the garden adjoining the messuage both now or late in the tenure of Giles Cowper at an annual rent of 20s., between the messuage of the said Robert, now or late in the tenure of William Foottycatt on the west, and that of John Willyams, Esq., now or late in the tenure of John Stratford, on the north, and the King's way on the east. Warranty. Appointment of John Stratford and William Holman to deliver seisin. 7th April, 37 Henry VIII. [1546].

Fol. [130] 120.

618.

CHARTER OF JOHN HAYWARD, MADE TO JOHN SCOTTE.

John Hayward, son and heir of John Hayward, late deceased, for £36 13s. 4d., and in fulfilment of a covenant in certain indentures of 7th January last past, sells to John Stone, of Dorchester, mercer, and his heirs, his two burgages in Dorchester, and all houses, buildings and gardens thereto belonging: (1) One on the north side of High West Street, having the market place (*locum venalem regium vocatum le merket place*) on the south, the cemetery of St. Peter on the north, a certain way leading into the said cemetery on the west, and a burgage of John Lewston, gent., on the east. (2) The other on the north side of Pease lane, between the burgage of John Churchell on the east and that of the Burgesses of Dorchester on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Appointment of Philip Pollard and John Howell his attorneys to deliver seisin. 6th January, 4 Edward VI. [1551].

619.

CHARTER OF JOHN SAMWEYS, MADE TO MICHAEL VASE.

John Samweys, of Shylfhampton, Dorset, yoman, for £13 sells to Michael Vase and his heirs his burgage with curtilage on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the said Michael on the south and that of John Corbyn on the north, which he acquired of William Chycke, son and heir of Robert Chycke, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollard to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Stratford and Ralph Peryn, Bailiffs, William Stone, sen., and John Corbyn, Constables, Reginald Rawlyn, John Churchell, John Jamys, Walter Thomas,

Robert Snellynge, William Palmer, John Knyghton, Richard Waglon, Richard Perham, John Davy, Robert Aden, William Holman, William Pynge, Nicholas Foxwell, Peter Turtyll, Thomas Belton, Owin Hayman, and others. 15th February, 4 Edward VI. [1550]. (*Cf.* 620.)

620.

RELEASE OF WILLIAM CHYCKE, MADE TO MICHAEL VASE.

William Chycke, son and heir of Robert Chycke, releases to Michael Vase and his heirs all right in the aforesaid burgage, etc., to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. 20th February, 4 Edward VI. [1550]. (*Cf.* 619.)

ROBERT SNELLYNGE, WILLIAM HOLMAN, } Bailiffs [5 Edward VI. 1551-2].

621.

CHARTER OF AGNES WHETLYE AND ANOTHER, MADE TO WILLIAM KYNGE.

Agnes Whetley, of Dorchester, widow, late widow and sole executrix of the will of Robert Whetlye, and Nicholas Gillet, and Joan, his wife, daughter of the said Robert, (reciting that Robert Whetley gave by his will, dated 16th March, 1548, 2 Edward VI., to the said Agnes and Joan his burgage on the south side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of Robert Willyams, Esq., on the east and that of John Longe on the west, to hold of the said Agnes for her life, and then to remain to said Joan and her heirs), for the sum of £6 13s. 8d., grant the said burgage to William Kynge, of Frampton, Dorset, milner, and his heirs, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Philip Pollard and John Howell to deliver seisin. 10th August, 5 Edward VI. [1551]. (*Cf.* 622.)

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622.

RELEASE OF SAID AGNES WHETLEY AND ANOTHER, MADE TO WILLIAM KYNGE.

Agnes Whetley, of Dorchester, widow of Robert Whetley, and Nicholas Gillet, and Joan, his wife, release to William

Kynge, of Frampton, Dorset, milner, and his heirs, all right in the aforesaid burgage. Warranty. 20th August, 5 Edward VI. [1551]. (*Cf.* 621.)

623.

CHARTER OF JOHN TALBOTT, MADE TO RICHARD FEVYAN OF ONE TENEMENT IN OKEFORD SHELLYNGE.

John Talbott, of Okeforde Shelynge, Dorset, husbondman, grants to Richard Fevyan, *aliter* Hoggarde, of Ewerne Mynster, Dorset, yoman, and his heirs, his tenement in Okeford Shelynge in which the grantor now dwells, with all lands, etc., thereto belonging, and three cottages in Okeford aforesaid, one in the tenure of Richard Taylour, another of Thomas Colborne, and the third of William Howton; also two burgages with two curtilages in Dorchester, (1) One in St. Peter's parish, now in the tenure of John Dowrydge, between the tenement of John Stratford on the south and that of John Peryn on the north, the King's way on the east, and the Twelve Men way (*viam ville predicte vocatam the Twelve Men way*) on the west; (2) The other in All Saints' parish, now in the tenure of John Bawnton,* between the tenement of Walter Buclonde on the east, the burgage pertaining to the church of All Saints on the west, the King's way on the north, and land of the said Walter Bucklonde on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. John Coker, gent., and Mathew Wolffe, to deliver seisin. 24th February, 5 Edward VI. [1551]. (*Cf.* 645.)

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JOHN STRATFORD, RICHARD PERYN, } Bailiffs [3 Edward VI. 1549-50].

624.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM PALMER, MADE TO OWIN HAYMAN.

William Palmer, of Dorchester, fuller, for 14s. sells to Owin Hayman, of Dorchester, barber, and his heirs, a burgage with curtilage on the south side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the cemetery of All Saints on the east and the burgage late of St. John of Mayne Hospital, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollard to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Stratford and

* John Bawnton is called Panton in Nos. 444 and 446.

Ralph Peryn, Bailiffs, William Stone, sen., and John Corbyn, Constables, Reginald Rawlyn, John Jamys, John Churchyll, Walter Thomas, Robert Snellynge, Richard Perham, John Davy, John Knyghton, Richard Waglon, Robert Aden, William Pynge, William Holman, Thomas Belton, Thomas Whythorne, and others. 20th July, 4 Edward VI. [1550]. (*Cf.* 625-7.)

625.

RELEASE OF WILLIAM PALMER, MADE TO OWIN HAYMAN.

William Palmer, of Dorchester, fuller, releases to Owin Hayman, and his heirs, all right in the burgage with curtilage conveyed in the foregoing charter. Warranty. 21st July, 4 Edward VI. [1550]. (*Cf.* 624, 626-7.)

626.

BOND OF WILLIAM PALMER, MADE TO OWIN HAYMAN.

William Palmer, of Dorchester, fuller, is bound in £40 to Owin Hayman, of Dorchester, barber, to make to him a sufficient estate in fee simple in the foregoing premises by dede, fyne, recoverye, feoffment, release with warranty, or otherwise, when required, and deliver all charters, etc., concerning the premises. 19th July, 4 Edward VI. [1550]. (*Cf.* 624-5, 627.)

ROBERT SNELLYNGE, WILLIAM HOLMAN, } Bailiffs [5 Edward VI. 1551-2].

627.

CHARTER OF THE BURGESSES, MADE TO OWIN HAYMAN.

The Burgesses of Dorchester (reciting that Edward VI. by letters patent under the Great Seal, dated at Lighes, 1st August, second year of his reign [1548], granted to them an annuity issuing from the foregoing burgage, late William Palmer's, now Owin Hayman's, lately belonging to the dissolved Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester, to hold of the King in free burgage of his Borough of Dorchester), sell the same to Owin Hayman and his heirs. Warranty. 1st October, 5 Edward VI. [1551]. (*Cf.* 624-6.)

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628.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM MYDELTON, MADE TO JOHN CORBYN.

William Mydelton, of Monkton, Dorset, yoman, for £7 sells to John Corbyn, sen., of Dorchester, and his heirs, his burgage with garden on the north side of Peselane, Dorchester, between the burgage of Robert Willyams, Esq., on the east and that of John Haywarde on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. 14th February, 6 Edward VI. [1552]. (*Cf.* 637.)

629.

CHARTER OF THE BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH, MADE TO OWIN HAYMAN.

William Palmer and Robert Aden, Bailiffs of the Borough of Dorchester, and John Churchyll, Walter Thomas, John Stratford, Richard Waglon, Richard Perham, William Stone, sen., John Davy, John Corbyn, John Knyghton, William Holman, John Palmer, Nicholas Lymester, Thomas Belton, Morgan Hayne, Mathew Wolffe, John Scotte, Peter Turtyll, and the rest of the Burgesses (reciting that Edward VI., by letters patent under the Great Seal, dated at Lighes, 1st August, second year of his reign [1548], granted to them a burgage and garden now or late in the tenure of Cudbert Stone, on the east side of South Street, between another burgage of theirs on the north and that of Owin Hayman on the south, late belonging to the Fraternity of Blessed Mary of Dorchester, to hold of the King in free burgage), with unanimous assent and consent for £8 sell the same to Owin Hayman, of Dorchester, barber, and his heirs. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. Dorchester, 17th June, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1555]. (*Cf.* 658.)

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630.

CHARTER OF MATILDA PREDY, MADE TO WILLIAM HAYMAN.

Matilda Predy, widow, late wife of Richard Predy, reciting that Margaret Awden, widow, her mother, now deceased, bequeathed by her will to Alexander Awden, her son, and his

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side of a lane in Dorchester, between the burgage of William Halet on the west and the mansion of the Rector of All Saints' church on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Richard Waglon, Owin Hayman, Bailiffs, John Churchyll, John Knyghton, Thomas Belton, Robert Aden, William Pynge, John Davy, Walter Thomas, William Holman, John Haywarde, John Palmer, and others. 10th March, 1 Mary [1554]. (*Cf.* 616.)

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JOHN KNYGHTON, JOHN PALMER, } Bailiffs [? 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, 1556-7].

634.

CHARTER OF MATTHEW COLCHESTER, MADE TO ROBERT JACOBBE AND ELIZABETH, HIS WIFE.

Mathew Colchester, *alias dictus* Mathew Colcharde, of Dorchester, sadler, in performance of a covenant contained in indentures of 29th July, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary [1556], grants to Robert Jacobbe and Elizabeth, his wife, and their heirs, two burgages, with all buildings, etc., etc., thereto belonging, on the south side of High East Street, Dorchester, in a certain corner between the burgage of Robert Stourton and Agnes, his wife, late wife of Walter Eyre, and late of the Abbot and Convent of the dissolved Monastery of Abbotisbury on the west, and a lane extending from that street towards Durnegate, next the burgage, now in tenure of the feoffees of the parish church of All Saints, and late of the heir of William Hoskyns on the east, and the burgage of Robert Cosyn on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. 30th July, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary [1556].

635.

CHARTER OF JOHN CORBYN, SEN., MADE TO WILLIAM JOLYFF AND MATHEW WOLFFE.

John Corbyn grants by indenture to William Jolyff and Mathew Wolffe, and their heirs, his burgage with garden on the east side of North Street, Dorchester, between the burgage

of Thomas Trenchard, Knight, on the south and that of Thomas Toryn on the north, now in the tenure of grantor's son-in-law, John Chubbe, on the condition that within four weeks they or one of them make by indenture a sufficient estate in the premises to the said John Corbyn and Edith, his wife, for their lives, to remain to the said John Chubbe and Agnes, his wife, the grantor's daughter, and the heirs of the body of Agnes, lawfully begotten, remainder to the right heirs of John Corbyn for ever, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollard to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Churchyll and John Knyghton, Bailiffs, Richard Waglon and John Jamys, Constables, Reginald Rawlyn, Walter Thomas, Robert Snellynge, William Palmer, Richard Perham, William Stone, sen., John Stratford, William Pynge, John Davy, Robert Aden, William Holman, Owin Hayman, Thomas Belton, Roger Androwes, and others. Penultimate day of July, 2 Edward VI. [1548]. (*Cf.* 636.)

636.

Charter of William Jolyff and Mathew Wolffe, made to John Corbyn and others.

William Joliff and Mathew Wolffe, reciting the provisions of the preceding charter, demise by indenture to the aforesaid John Corbyn and Edith, his wife, the burgage with garden aforesaid for their lives, with remainder as before stated, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. William Stone, jun., and Philip Pollard to deliver seisin. 4th August, 2 Edward VI. [1548]. (*Cf.* 635.)*

* The following documents relating to this messuage are contained in B. 68, a "Bundle of old Title Deeds relating to premises forming part of the scite of the Market House, and purchased by the Corporation on 21 November, 1849, from the Devisees of the late Chas. Eldridge, decd."

1. Release from John Corbyn, senr., of Dorchester, yoman, for £5, to John Chubbe, his son-in-law, of the premises, and of a burgage [No. 638] in Pease lane, 21st June, 8 Elizabeth [1566]. Witnesses, William Wodeman, clerk, Owin Hayman, John Davy, John Palmer. Seal of red wax with letters H. O.

2. Fine between Morgan Hayne and George Hurde, querents, and John Chubbe and Agnes, his wife, deforciants, of a messuage, curtilage and garden in Dorchester. In Octaves of St. Hillary, 11 Elizabeth [1569].

3. Fine between Matthew Chubb, son of John Chubb and Agnes, his wife, querent, and the same John Chubb and Agnes, deforciants, £40. In Octaves of St. Hillary, 20 Elizabeth [1578]. (Two copies).

4. Conveyance of the premises by John Chubbe and Agnes, his wife, to Matthew, their son, 19th January, 19 Elizabeth [1577]. Witnesses, John

The original deed and its counterpart are also in Bundle B 68. Seal of Matthew Wolffe, a stag tripping between the letters "M W." Seal of William Joliff, "W I." So also is the previous charter, No. 635.

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637.

CHARTER OF JOHN CORBYN, SEN., MADE TO WILLIAM JOLYFF AND OTHERS.

John Corbyn, sen., in consideration of the intimate love he bears to John Chubbe, jun., confirms by indenture to William Jolyff, gent., and Mathew Wolffe, merchant, and their heirs, his messuage in Dorchester, between the messuage of Robert Willyams, Esq., on the east and that of John Hayward on the west, and on the north side of the lane, which he lately acquired of John Mydelton, to hold to the use of the said John Corbyn

James, William Adinn, Ballyfes, Laurence Stratford, Raffe Pallmer, Constables, William Churchill, John Skott, Leonard Stone, Robert Hunte, John Whetstone. Seal of red wax, an Eagle displayed.

5. Release of the premises by John Chubbe and Agnes, his wife, daughter of John Corbyn, decd., to Matthew, their son, 18th January, 19 Elizabeth [1577]. Same witnesses.

6. Fine between Margaret Chubb, widow, querent, and John Cooper and Barbara, his wife, and Humfry Cooper, deforciants, concerning the premises, £60. Michaelmas Term, 22 James I. [1624].

7. Indenture between (1) John Chubbe and Agnes, his wife, and (2) Matthew Chubbe, reciting the two foregoing fines, and declaring that they were to the only use of said Matthew, 28th January, 24 Elizabeth 1581[-2]. Witnesses, Henry Whittell, John Yeate, Nycholas Thovye, David Chubbe. Seal with letters H. M.

8. Conveyance of the premises by John Cooper, of Bristoll, gouldsmyth, Barbara, his wife (daughter and heir of John Chubb, gent., decd., brother and heir of Matthew Chubb, late of Dorchester, gent., decd.), and Humfrey Cooper, their son and heir apparent, for £100, to Margarett Chubb, of Dorchester, widow, 20th October, 22 James I., 1624.

9. Conveyance of the premises by Joane Chubb of Dorchester, widow, late wife of Matthew Chubb, of Dorchester, gent., decd., to Robert Coker, of Dorchester, gouldsmith, and Martha, his wife, father and mother of said Joane, for £100, which premises had been bequeathed to her by the will of Margarett Chubb, dated 18th April, 1625, 23rd January, 9 Charles, 1633. Witnesses, Robert Coker, junr., Robert Chippe scr., Edmund Archer, seru: to the said Scr.

10. Sale by Joane Chubb, of Dorchester, widow, to Robert Coker, of Dorchester, gouldsmith, and Martha, his wife, and the heirs of Robert. of all goods, wainscotts, partitions, implements, etc., in the premises, 23rd January, 1633. Same witnesses.

11. Fine between Robert Coker and Martha, his wife, querents, and

and Edith, his wife, for life, remainder to the use of John Chubbe jun., and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, remainder to the right heirs of said John Corbyn, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. Witnesses, William Palmer and Robert Aden, *alias* Barbet, Bailiffs, John Churchyll, Walter Thomas, John Stratford, William Stone, sen., John Knyghton, Owin Hayman, John Davye, William Holman, John Palmer, and others. 19th August, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary [1555]. (*Cf.* 628.)

638.

CHARTER OF JOHN CORBYN, SEN., MADE TO WILLIAM JOLYFF AND ANOTHER.

John Corbyn, sen., in consideration of the intimate love he bears to John Chubbe, sen., and Agnes, his wife, the grantor's daughter, grants to William Jolyff, gent., and Mathew Wolf, merchant, and their heirs, his messuage in Dorchester, between the messuage of the Burgesses of Dorchester, on the east and that of William Holman on the west, and Peselane on the north, which he acquired of John Sherwyn now deceased, to hold to

Joane Chubb, widow, deforciants, concerning the premises. £60. In Octave of St. Hillary, 9 Charles I. [1633]. Two copies.

12. Conveyance of the premises by Robert Coker, of Dorchester, goldsmith, to Joseph Paty and Wm. Paty, of Dorchester, clothiers, in trust for use of said Robert Coker, and Martha, his wife, and after their decease for use of Robert Coker, citizen and haberdasher of London [their son], and Robert Coker, their grandson, 17th August, 16 Charles I., 1640.

13. Counterpart of the same. Witnesses, Robert Chippe, scr., London, John Chippe, Tho: French, his servants, Walter Patie, John Limbery.

14. Mortgage of the premises by Robert Coker, of Dorchester, goldsmith, to John Daniell, of Dorchester, merchant, 4th January, 1657. Witnesses, Wm. Constantine, Beniamin Coker, Jo. Hobbey.

15. Feoffment of the premises by Martha Coker, of Dorchester, widow, and Robert Coker, of Dorchester, goldsmith, her grandchild, to John Daniel and his heirs, 10th March, 1657.

16. Covenant by said Robert Coker with John Daniel and Andrew Loder and John Hobby, of Dorchester, gents., to suffer a recovery of the premises, 17th March, 1657. Witnesses, Robert Pate, Beniaman Coker, Mary Loder.

17. Lease of the premises by Robert Daniell, of London, merchant, son and heir of John Daniell, of Dorchester, decd., to Thomas Delacourt, of Dorchester, gent., for 6 months, 2nd July, 32 Charles II., 1680. Witnesses, Andr. Loder, Nicho' Baker, Robert Henning Morgan Harbin.

18. Conveyance of the premises by the same to the same, 3rd July, 32 Charles II., 1680. Same witnesses.

19. Bond of the same to the same, 3rd July, 1680.

the use of said John Corbyn and Edith, his wife, for life, remainder to the said John Chubbe and his heirs, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun,. and John Howell to deliver seisin. Witnesses, William Palmer and Robert Aden, Bailiffs, John Churchyll, Walter Thomas, John Stratford, William Stone, sen., John Knyghton, Owin Hayman, John Davy, William Holman, John Palmer, and others. 19th August, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary [1555].

This tenement was released by John Corbyn, sen., of Dorchester, yoman, to John Chubbe, his son-in-law, 21st June, 8 Elizabeth, [1566]. *See* B. 68.

639.

COVENANT BETWEEN THOMAS TRENCHARD, ESQ., AND WALTER THOMAS.

Thomas Trenchard, of Wolueton, Dorset, esquyer, for £20 bargains and sells by indenture to Walter Thomas, of Dorchester, smythe, and his heirs, his messuage with garden, the former now in the tenure of the said Walter Thomas, in the east part of the High Northe Strete, Dorchester, between the burgage of John Churchyll, in which Mathew Wolffe dwellyd, on the south, and that of John Corbyn, in which Willyam Shrewe now dwelleth, on the north, the latter in the north part of Peselane, between the burgage of the Burgesses of Dorchester on the east and that of the Feoffees of the parish church of the Holy Trinité on the west. Sundry covenants as to evidences, etc. 9th December, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary [1556]. (*Cf.* 640.)

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640.

CHARTER OF THOMAS TRENCHARD, ESQ., MADE TO WALTER THOMAS.

Thomas Trenchard, of Wolueton, Dorset, Esq., in performance of a covenant contained in certain indentures of 9th December, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary [1555], grants to Walter Thomas, of Dorchester, smythe, and his heirs, the aforesaid messuage with garden, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and William Howell to deliver seisin. 12th December, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary [1555]. (*Cf.* 639.)

641.

RATIFICATION OF THE WILL OF JOHN ADEN, MADE BY ROBERT ADEN TO EDITH ADEN, HIS MOTHER, AND WILLIAM ADEN, HIS BROTHER.

Robert Aden, of Dorchester, draper, son and heir of John Aden, late of Dorchester, draper (reciting that his father by his will, 25th June, 1546, bequeathed his two burgages in Dorchester, (1) One on the north side of the High Street, between the burgage of John Stratford on the west, and that called le Pentice on the east; and (2) the other on the south side of Durnelane, between the burgage of John Willyams, Esq., on the east and that late the said John Aden's on the west; after the testator's death to Edith, his wife, grantor's mother, for her life, to remain to William Aden, his son, grantor's brother, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, remainder to the right heirs of John Aden, to hold of the chief lords of the fee), confirms to the said Edith and William, and the said heirs of William, all right in the premises. 11th May, 1 Edward VI. [1547]. (*Cf.* 642.)

642.

RELEASE OF EDITH ADEN, WIDOW, MADE TO WILLIAM ADEN, HER SON.

Edith Aden, late widow of John Aden, of Dorchester, draper, deceased (reciting the provisions of her late husband's will of 25th June, 1546, regarding the two burgages named above, and the ratification of Robert Aden), releases in her pure and lawful widowhood to William Aden, her son, and his heirs as above limited, all right in the same, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. 1st October, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary [1557]. (*Cf.* 641.)

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643.

CHARTER OF ROBERT ADEN, MADE TO EDITH ADEN.

Robert Barbet, *alias dictus* Robert Aden, of Dorchester, draper (reciting that Queen Mary, by letters patent under the Great Seal, *inter cetera*, granted to Thomas Reve and Giles Isham, gentleman, and their heirs, 23rd July, second year of her reign [1554], a messuage and garden adjacent, in Dorchester, formerly in the tenure of Roger Bond, and

afterwards in that of Robert Snellynge, between the tenement of William Palmer on the east and that of John Peryn on the west, late parcel of the lands and possessions of Thomas Seymor, Knight, Lord Seymor of Sudeley, attainted of high treason, and before of the late Preceptory or Hospital of Mayne, to hold of the Queen as of the manor of Easte Grenewiche, by fealty only in free socage, and not *in capite*, and that the said Thomas Reve and Giles Isham have sold the same to Robert Barbet aforesaid) now sells the said messuage and garden to his mother, Edith Barbet, *alias dicta* Edith Aden, and her heirs, containing in length, viz., from the back door (*postico*) in the south part of the messuage to a certain hedge of elder (*sepem sambuceam*), 340 feet by measure, and in length 30 feet by measure. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. 24th November, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1554]. (*Cf.* 644.)

644.

CHARTER OF EDITH ADEN, WIDOW, MADE TO WILLIAM ADEN, HER SON.

Edith Barbet, *alias dicta* Aden, of Dorchester, widow, (reciting the grants named in the preceding charter, and the sale of the said premises to her by Robert Aden, her son), now grants the same to William Barbet, *alias* Aden, her son, and his heirs, to hold of the Queen as of the manor of Easte Grenewiche, by fealty only in free socage, and not in *capite*. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. 8th April, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1555]. (*Cf.* 643.)

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645.

CHARTER OF JOAN RYVE, MADE TO WILLIAM ADEN.

Joan Ryve, of Blandford Forum, Dorset, widow, late relict of Robert Ryve, of the same, deceased, in her pure widowhood for the intimate love and special zeal she bears to William Aden, *alias vocatus* William Barbet, of Dorchester, draper, etc., grants to him and his heirs two messuages in Dorchester, (1) One in St. Peter's parish, now in the separate tenure of John Dowredge, on the west side of High South Street, between the burgage of John Stratford on the south

and that of John Peryn on the north; and (2) the other in All Saints' parish, in the separate tenure of John Baunton, on the south side of High East Street, between the burgage of Walter Buclond on the east and that belonging to the parish church of All Saints on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. 4th June, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary [1557]. (*Cf.* 623.)

646.

CHARTER OF LUKE ADYN, MADE TO MORGAN HAYNE AND JOHN PALMER.

Luke Adyn, *alias dictus* Luke Barbette, of Dorchester, draper (reciting that Thomas Dey, late of Stocke, Dorset, his brother-in-law, long before his death delivered to the said Luke £16 that he should purchase of John Corbyn, sen., a burgage in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, on the north side of East Street, between the burgage of Robert Hunte on the west and that late William Corbyn's on the east, and the said Thomas Dey by his last will, 1st December, 1547, as though he were fully seised in the said burgage, bequeathed it to William Dey, jun., his son, and his heirs lawfully begotten, to remain to William Dey, sen., another of the sons of said Thomas, and his like heirs, remainder to the said Luke Aden, and his heirs), grants the premises to Morgan Hayne and John Palmer, of Dorchester, merchants, and their heirs, on this condition, that they, within one month by their indenture should make a sufficient estate in law in the premises to the said William Dey, jun., with the aforesaid remainders. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. Witnesses, John Davye, sen., Giles Cowper, John Bowdon, John Chubbe, and others. 1st March, 2 Elizabeth [1560]. (*Cf.* 647.)

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647.

CHARTER OF MORGAN HAYNE AND JOHN PALMER, MADE TO WILLIAM DEY, JUN.

Morgan Hayne and John Palmer, of Dorchester, merchants, reciting the foregoing charter, demise the premises

therein named to William Dey, jun., and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, with the remainders therein specified, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 12th March, 2 Elizabeth [1560]. (*Cf.* 646.)

648.

CHARTER OF JOHN CORBYN, MADE TO PETER GOODFELLOWE OF ONE BURGAGE IN DORCHESTER, AS FOLLOWS.

John Corbyn, of Dorchester, baker, for £7 5s. grants to Peter Goodfellowe, of Dorchester, baker, the messuage called Bellamy's Bakehouse and garden, now in the tenure of the said Peter in Alhallen churche lane in All Saints' parish, Dorchester, between the messuage of William Churchill and the garden of John Admanston on the south, and the garden of William Baylye on the north, and the garden of Robert Coker, Esq., now in the tenure of George Sampson, on the east and the said lane on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 10th January, 4 Elizabeth [1562]. (*Cf.* 600.)

649.

[DEPOSIT OF HUGHE SAMWAYES LEASE OF FRYERNE WADDON.]

"M^d that the xxiiij^th day of Julye anno quinto Elizabethe Regine [1563] there was one Indenture bearinge date the xth day of Aprell laste paste made betwyn the righte honorable Lorde William Marques of Wynchester Lorde Treasorer of Englonde of thone partie, and Hughe Samwayes of Fryerne Waddon of thother partye, concernynge the ferme or graunge of Fryerne Waddon in the countye of Dorset, delyuered to thands and custodye of John Browne, of Frampton, gent., saffely to be kepte, Vpon this condycion, That is to saye that yf one Richarde Inkepen, gent., and Morgan Hayne, there executors or assignes, do contente and paye to the sayd Hughe Samwayes, his executors or assignes, the summe of nyne hundrethe pounds of good and lawfull money of Englond at the feaste of All Saynts next ensuenge, accordynge to the purporte and meanynge of a payre of Indentures bearynge date the xxiij^th day of Julye last paste, made betwyn the sayd Hughe of thone partie, and the sayd Inkepen and Hayne of thother partye, concernynge the sayd ferme of Waddon, That then the sayd John Browne shall delyuer the sayd lease

made by the sayd Lorde Treasorer to the sayde Inkepen and Hayne or ther assignes, And yf defaute of paymente of the sayd somme of nyne hundreth pounds be made at the sayd feaste of All Saynts, That then the sayd John Browne shall delyuer the sayd lease to the sayd Hughe Samwayes or his assignes. Wytnesses to this agremente

John Broune	Rycharde Lawrense
John Palmer	John Chubbe
John Scott	Hugh Gryndham
John Hayward	

William [bottom margin cut off]."

Fol. [141] 133.

650.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM HALLET, MADE TO ROBERT HUNT.

William Hallette, of Dorchester, tanner, for £9 sells to Robert Hunte and his heirs two burgages lying together on the north side of "Este Highe Strete," between the burgage of St. John on the east and that belonging to the church of All Saints on the west, together with all evidences, etc., which he acquired of Thomas Kyllyngsforde, of Dorchester, "showmaker," by charter of 18th April, 2 Edward VI. [1548], to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and Thomas Whitehorne to deliver seisin. 1st April, 3 Edward VI. [1549]. (*Cf.* 699.)

651.

CHARTER OF JAMES HILL, MADE TO JOHN SCOTTE.

James Hyll, of Frampton, Dorset, showmaker, son and heir of Richard Hill, of Dorchester, deceased, for £8 sells by indenture to John Scotte, of Dorchester, merchaunte, and his heirs, the burgage with curtilage on the east side of Collyncolrewe streate (*cujusdam vici vulgariter vocati collyncolrewe streate*), between the burgage late of Richard Lewes on the south and that late of Ralph Perryn on the north, which Margaret Wyndesore, late of Fordington, widow, formerly wife of Walter Castell, of Dorchester, bequeathed to the said James Hill, and his heirs, by her will dated the last of August, 1548, 2 Edward VI., to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 14th April, 1 Elizabeth [1559].

Fol. [142] 135.

652.

CHARTER OF JOHN HOWELL, MADE TO JOHN WHETSTONE.

John Howell, of Whetstone, Dorset, yoman, for 20 sh. sells to John Whetstone, and his heirs, the toft of a tenement, that is, his void tenement without any building on the west side of a lane leading towards the precinct of the Friars Minors lately dissolved (*versus precinctum fratrum minorum nuper dissolutorum*), Dorchester, between the burgage of Paul Robardes on the south and that of John Symondes on the north, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and Philip Pollarde to deliver seisin. 15th July, 1 Elizabeth [1559].

653.

CHARTER OF ROBERT WILLYAMS, MADE TO JOHN WHETSTONE.

Robert Willyams, of Heryngston, Dorset, Esq., grants to John Whitstone, of Dorchester, mercer, and his heirs, a tenement on the south side of High Street, Dorchester, opposite St. Peter's church, between the tenement of the Burgesses and Community of the Borough on the east and that of the heirs of Thomas Trenchard, Esq., on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Walter Thomas, Nicholas Lymster, *alias* Foxwell, Bailiffs, Robert Aden, Morgan Hayne, John Haywarde, John Scotte. Dorchester, 20th April, 2 Elizabeth [1560].

Fol. [143] 137.

654.

CHARTER OF WILLIAM CRIBBE, MADE TO WILLIAM BAYLIE.

William Cribbe, of Dorchester, bowcher, and Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of William Ledde, *alias* Mundy, lately deceased, sell to William Baylye, of Dorchester, baker, and his heirs, a messuage with two curtilages adjacent, now in the tenure of the said William Baylye, in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, lately belonging to the dissolved Monastery of Byndon, to hold of the Queen in free burgage and common socage, by fealty only and not *in capite*. Warranty. William St[one] and John Howell to deliver seisin. Last of July, 2 Elizabeth [1560].

655.

CHARTER OF JOHN ADMISTON, MADE TO JOHN VYNYE.

John Admyston, of Dorchester, weaver, son and heir of Robert Admyston, deceased, for £5 sells by indenture to John Vynye, of Dorchester, weaver, and his heirs, his burgage in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, on the south side of High East Street, between the burgage or croft of the tenement of William Chirchell on the east and the burgage of John James on the west, and all Evidences, etc., to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 20th September, 2 Elizabeth [1560].

Fol. [144] 139.

656.

CHARTER OF THOMAS WINSOR MADE TO OWIN HAYMAN.

Thomas Wynsor, of Weste Burt[ton], Dorset, husbandman (son and heir of John Wynsor, late of Wynfrythe Newboroughe, Dorset, deceased, and of Alice, his wife, daughter and heir apparent of a certain John Brigger), for 43 sh. sells by indenture to Owin Hayman, of Dorchester, barbour, and his heirs, his burgage on the south side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the burgage of the heirs of Robert Hoskyns and now or late in the tenure of William Janso[ ] on the east, and that of the co-feoffees of the parish church of Warmewell, Dorset, on the west, which descended or ought to descend to him on the death of Allice, his mother, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 10th June, 3 Elizabeth [1561].

The margin is badly cut.

657.

CHARTER OF ROBERT ADYN MADE TO WILLIAM MAXFIELDE.

Robert Adyn, of Dorchester, draper, for £19 10s. grants to William Maxfylde, and his heirs, his messuage and garden in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, on the north side of High East Street, between the burgage of Luke Aden on the west and that of Nicholas Lymster, *alias* Foxwell, on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 4th October, 4 Elizabeth [1562].

Fol. [145] 141.

658.

CHARTER OF OWIN HAYMAN, MADE TO JOHN VYNYE.

Owin Hayman, of Dorchester, barber, for £9 6s. 8d. sells by indenture to John Vynye, of Dorchester, weaver, and his heirs, the burgage and garden on the east side of South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the Burgesses of the Borough on the north and that of the said Owin on the south; and also that toft, burgage or garden on the west side of South Street, between the burgage of John Stratforde on the south and north sides, which burgage and garden the said Owin lately acquired of the Burgesses by deed under their common seal, 17th June, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1555]. and which they lately had by letters patent of Edward VI., dated at Lighes, 1st August, second year of his reign [1548], and which burgage *or* garden the said Owin lately acquired of John Chirchell, late of Dorchester, deceased, 20th October, 3 Edward VI. [1549], and which John Chirchell had by letters patent 12th March, 3 Edward VI., to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 27th October, 6 Elizabeth [1564]. (*Cf.* 612, 629.)

659.

CHARTER OF HUGH WATKYNES, MADE TO JOHN WHETSTONE.

Hugh Watkynes, of Whitechurche, Dorset, gentleman, in performance of a covenant in certain indentures between him and John Whetstone, of Dorchester, merceour, 22nd October last past, sells to the said John and his heirs the messuage in which William Hayman, late of Dorchester, merchant, dwelt, and the curtilage, buildings, etc., thereto belonging, in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, between le Friers lane on the east and the messuage of Owin Hayman, now in the tenure of John Cove, on the west and north sides, and the messuage of Nicholas Lymster, also on the north, and the Highe Easte street on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 2nd November, 1564, 6 Elizabeth.

Fol. [146] 143.

660.

CHARTER OF ROBERT DRAKE, MADE TO WILLIAM HAYDON.

Robert Drake, of leane[ ], Kent, yoman, son and heir apparent of Robert Drake, of Dorchester, late deceased, in fulfilment of a covenant in certain indentures of 10th August, 7 Elizabeth [1565] between him and William Haydon, of Dorchester, shoomaker, grants to the said William and his heirs two messuages in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, and all buildings, etc., thereto belonging, on the north side of Durnegate lane, between the burgage of John Barrye on the west and that of the heirs of Marian Pryn on the east, the burgages of All Saints' church on the north, and the saide lane on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and Roger Hayman to deliver seisin. 15th August, 7 Elizabeth [1565].

661.

CHARTER OF ROBERT WILLIAMS, MADE TO JOHN DAVYE.

Robert Willyams, of Herynston, Dorset, Esq., for £40 sells to John Davye, of Dorchester, vyntner, and his heirs, his messuage on the east side of South Street, between the messuage of Richard Stratford on the south and that of Giles Cooper on the north, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and Roger Hayman to deliver seisin. 21st September, 7 Elizabeth [1565].

Fol. [147] 145. 662.

CHARTER OF NICHOLAS MARTYN, MADE TO WILLIAM ADYN.

Nicholas Martyn, of Athelhampston, Dorset, Esq., in performance of a covenant in certain indentures of 18th October, 7 Elizabeth [1565], between him and William Adyn, of Dorchester, woollen draper, grants to the said William, and his heirs, all his messuages on the west side of High South Street, in the parish of St. Peter's, Dorchester, between the burgage of John James on the north, and that of John Shellie on the south, the west walls of the Borough on the west, and High South Street on the east. Also seven acres of land lying within the west walls of the Borough. Also seven acres

of meadow lying together in the west Warde next the great bridge called New Bridge (*in le weaste warde juxta magnum pontem vocatum novum pontem*), and on the north side of the stream, all the premises lately being in occupation of Robert Randall, late deceased, and now of Alice, his late wife, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and Philip Pollarde to deliver seisin. 27th October, 7 Elizabeth [1565].

663.

CHARTER OF JOHN BALNER, MADE TO WILLIAM CARDROE.

John Balner, *alias* Lawrence, of Honington, Devon, fyshe jewter,* in performance of a covenant contained in certain indentures of 27th August, last past, between him and William Cardroe, of Cearne Abbatis, Dorset, marchaunte, grants to the said William and his heirs a messuage in St. Peter's parish, Dorchester, on the south side of High West Street, between the burgage of the heirs of the late Earl of Bedford, Lord Russell, on the west, and that of Thomas Trencharde, Esq., late deceased, on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. 7th September, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary [1557].

Fol. [148] 147.

664.

CHARTER OF JOHN ADMISTON, MADE TO PETER GOODFELLOWE.

John Admiston, of Dorchester, beerbrewer, for 40s. sells by indenture to Peter Goodfellowe, of Dorchester, baker, and his heirs, a messuage or garden in All Saints' parish, Dorchester, on the north side of Durne lane, on the east side of the tenement or garden of Robert Coker, Esq., and on the south side of the garden of the said Peter, and on the east side of a certain gate leading from the said lane into the court (*in cortem*) of the tenement of a certain Peter Goodfellowe, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 25th June, 7 Elizabeth [1565].

* Jouster, a retailer of fish.

665.

CHARTER OF THE BURGESSES, MADE TO JOHN CORBIN.

Walter Thomas, Nicholas Lymster, Robert Adyn, John Davye, Owin Hayman, John Palmer, Morgan Hayne, John Beriet, John Scot, Paul Robardes, Hugh Gryndham, Luke Adyn, William Adyn, Peter Turtell, John James, John Symondes, Robert Hunte, William Hayman, Richard Corbyn, and John Chubbe, Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester, with unanimous assent and consent, and for 40 sh. sell by indenture to John Corbyn, sen., of Dorchester, yoman, and his heirs, their messuage in the parish of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, on the south side of High West Street, between the burgage of the heirs of Robert Holman on the east and that of the Feoffees of the parish church of Netherburie on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and John Howell to deliver seisin. 20th May, 2 Elizabeth [1560]. (*Cf.* 667-9.)

Fol. [149] 149.

666.

CHARTER OF ROBERT WILLYAMS, MADE TO RICHARD CORBYN.

Robert Williams, of Winterborne Heryngston, Dorset, Esq., in performance of certain indentures of 1st March, 8 Elizabeth [1566], between him and Richard Corbyn, of Dorchester, baker, grants to the said Richard, and his heirs, the burgage in Holy Trinity parish, Dorchester, on the south side of High West Street, the messuage of Leonard Stone being on the west, and that of the co-Burgesses on the east, the West Walls of the Borough on the south, and the said Queen's way on the north, and two acres of arable land lying together on the west side of the said West Walls, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and Philip Pollarde to deliver seisin. 20th April, 8 Elizabeth [1566].

667.

CHARTER OF ROBERT CORBIN, MADE TO JOHN STONE.

Robert Corbyne, of Dorchester, yeoman, son of Richard Corbyne, of the same, baker, grants to John Stone, citizen and clothier (*pannario*) of London, and his heirs, his messuage

in Holy Trinity parish, Dorchester, on the south side of High West Street, between the burgage of the heirs of Robert Holman on the east and that of the Feoffees of the Parish church of Netherbury on the west, now or late in the tenure of John Pounseye, butcher, which late belonged to John Corbyne, sen., late of Dorchester, yeoman, deceased, by indenture made by the Burgesses of Dorchester, dated 20th May, 2 Elizabeth [1560], to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. 12th February, 1571[-2], 14 Elizabeth. (*Cf.* 665, 668-9.)

JOHN SCOTE, JOHN WHETSTON, } Bailiffs [? 13 Elizabeth 1571-2].

668.

LETTER OF ATTORNEY OF JOHN STONE.

John Stone, citizen and clothier of London, constitutes Leonard Stone, of Dorchester, yeoman, his attorney to receive seisin of the premises. 12th February, 1571[-2], 14 Elizabeth. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

669.

ROBERT CORBYN'S LETTER OF ATTORNEY.

Robert Corbyne, of Dorchester, yeoman, son of Richard Corbyne, of the same, baker, constitutes William Collyns and John Pillard his attorneys to deliver seisin of the premises, 17th March, 14 Elizabeth [1571-2]. (*Cf. ut supra.*)

"Extractum et [con]cordatum cum originali per me Johannem Gyat Scriptorem."

Fol. [150]. *Ro*[*l*] 150.

670.

[CHARTER OF JOAN WEY.]

Thomas Lylley, son and heir of Anastacia Lylley, daughter and heir of William Scloyse, for 20s. sells to Joan Wey, of Dorchester, widow, and her heirs, his burgage and curtilage on the south side of High East Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of the heirs of William Lyde on the east and that of the heirs of Christopher Lancaster on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Philip Pollerd and John Howell to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Walter Thomas and Robert Aden, Bailiffs, John Stratford and Ralph Peryn,

Constables, William Palmer, Robert Snellynge, Richard Perham, Richard Waglande, John Knyghton, John Davy, William Pynge, Owin Hayman, Thomas Balton, Nicholas Lymester, John Palmer, William Holman, Thomas Whythorne, Mathew Wolfe, Roger Androwes, Peter Turtle, and others. Dorchester, 7th October, 4 Edward VI. [1550]. (*Cf.* 671-2.)

"Irrotulatur per Georgium Robynson subseneshallum Burgi predicti."

671.

[CHARTER OF JOHN BERTLETT.]

Joan Wey, of Dorchester, widow, for 166s. 8d. sells to John Bertlett, of Pudeltoune, Dorset, husbondman, and his heirs, the burgage conveyed by the preceding charter, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. Witnesses, William Palmer and Robert Aden, Bailiffs, Richard Wagland and Owin Hayman, Constables, Walter Thomas, John Churchill, John Stratford, John Corbyn, Richard Perham, John Knyghton, John Davye, Thomas Balton, William Holman, Nicholas Lymester, John Palmer, Peter Turtle, and others. 4th December, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1554]. (*Cf.* 670-1.)

"Irrotulatur per Robynson."

[*Fol.* 151.] *Rol* 151.

672.

CHARTER OF JOHN BARTLET, MADE BY JOAN WEY, WIDOW.

Joan Wey, of Dorchester, "wydowe," releases to John Bartlet, and his heirs, in full possession, all right in the premises beforenamed. Warranty. 10th December, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1554]. (*Cf.* 670-1.)

673.

CHARTER OF JOHN PYLLERD, MADE BY ROGER ABYNDON, *alias* KNYGHT.

Roger Abyndon, *alias* Knyghte, of Shepton Gorge, Dorset, yeoman, grants to John Pyllerd, of Dorchester, baker, and his heirs, two burgages lying together in Holy Trinity parish, Dorchester, on the south side of High West Street, on the east side of the burgage of William Churchill, and on the

west side of that of the heirs of Robert Longe, and on the north side of the West Walls, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Stone and William Collyns, *alias* Herne, to deliver seisin. 17th December, 17 Elizabeth [1574].

[*Fol.* 152.] *Ro.* 152.

674.

[CHARTER OF GEORGE ROBYNSON.]

Robert Adyn, of Dorchester, wollen draper, in performance of a covenant contained in certain indentures of even date with these presents, grants to George Robynson, of Dorchester, and his heirs, his messuage and garden on the east side of High South Street, Dorchester, between the burgage of All Saints' church in the tenure of Henry Whyttle on the north and that of William Facye on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Herne and John Pillerd to deliver seisin. 10th August, 16 Elizabeth, [1574]. (*Cf.* 601.)

675.

[CHARTER OF GEORGE ROBYNSON.]

Robert Barnes, of Fordington, husbondman, and Agnes, his wife, sell to George Robynson, of Dorchester, gentleman, and his heirs, their burgage and garden on the north side of Durnelane, Dorchester, between the burgage of John Hennyng on the east and the lane called the Northe lane (*venellam vocatam the Northe lane*) on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Herne and John Pillerd to deliver seisin. 10th August, 16 Elizabeth [1574].

[*Fol.* 153.] *Ro.* 153.

676.

CHARTER OF THOMAS TORRYN, MADE TO ROBERT CHUBBE, BUTCHER.

Thomas Torryn, sen., of Dorchester, mercer, for £32 sells to Robert Chubbe, of Dorchester, bowcher, and his heirs, his messuage in the parish of St. Peter's, Dorchester, on the east side of High North Street, between the burgage of John Corbyn, sen., in which William Syronghe now dwells, on the south, and that of Mathew Wolfe, in which Christopher Hole, gent., now dwells, on the north, 28 feet in breadth and 90 feet in

length, to hold of the Queen in free burgage and common socage, by fealty only and not *in capite*. Warranty. William Stone, jun., and John Howell to deliver seisin. Dorchester, 1st September, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary [1556].

Endorsed with a memorandum that the sealing, etc., and the livery of seisin were done in the presence of John Knighton, one of the Bailiffs, Walter Thomas and William Holman, Constables, William Stone, sen., Owen Hayman, Thomas Belton, Paul Robardes, John Beriet, John Stratford, John Scotte, Peter Turtell, and others, on the day and year within written.

677.

[CHARTER OF WILLIAM MILLER.]

Robert Chubbe, of Dorchester, bowcher, in performance of covenants in certain indentures of the date of these presents, grants to William Miller, of Fordington, miller, and his heirs, a burgage on the east side of North Street, between the burgage of Stephen Brent, gent., on the north, that of John Chubbe on the south, and the garden, parcel of the burgage of Nicholas Lymster on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Collyns, *alias* Hearne, and John Pyllerde to deliver seisin. 20th April, 25 Elizabeth [1583].

Endorsed that sealing and livery of seisin were done in the presence of John Adyn, Robert Adyn, baylifes, John James, Laurence Stratforde, Leonard Stone, John Scott, John Whetstone, John Chubbe, Robert Hunte, John Wynsor, thelder, John Wynsor, jun., Robert Reade, and others. Also witness, Mathew Chubbe, the writer.

[*Fol.* 154.] *Ro.* 154.

678.

[CHARTER OF WILLIAM MILLER.]

Richard Vyvyan, of Dorchester, yeoman, for £9 sells to William Miller, of Dorchester, yeoman, and his heirs, his burgage or garden on the north side of Pease lane, Dorchester, between land of William Reade on the west and that of Thomas Edwards on the east, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. John Pillerde and Thomas Galton, to deliver seisin. 20th April, 25 Elizabeth [1583].

Endorsed with names of witnesses of livery of seisin, last day of April, 25 Elizabeth [1583]. Laurence Stratforde, John Grene, Constables, John Spicer, John Whetstone, Thomas Coker, William Reade, and Mathew Chubbe, the writer. (*Cf.* 679.)

679.

[RELEASE OF WILLIAM MYLLER.]

Richard Vyvyan, of Dorchester, yeoman, releases to William Myller, of the same, yeoman, all right in the above-named premises. 17th May, 25 Elizabeth [1583].

N.B.—The burgage is here said to be on the *south* side of Pease lane.

All the succeeding enrolments in the Domesday are in English.

680.

[COMPOSITION FOR TOLL, JOHN VRVYN AND OTHERS.]

"Wheras the Inhabitants of Witcomb, which heertofore vsually paid toll of such corne as they brought to the markett of this borough of Dorchester to bee sold, haue for about three yeares last past refused to pay such toll, whervpon the Bailiff and Burgesses of this Borough comenced suite by suppena out of the Exchequer against some of the inhabitants of Witcomb aforesaid, whereuppon this presente day some of the same parishioners for themselves, viz., John Vrvyn, Thomas Motier, Roberte White and Nicholas Parmiter, and the said Thomas Motier for his mother, Alice Motier, widow, have compownded with the Bailiffs of the said Borough for the said toll in this manner, viz., to pay on Saturday next betwene them two bushelles of barly in lieu of all their arrerages of the said toll, and iiij^{s} towards the charges of the said suite comenced, and henceforth to pay the toll duly of all such corne and grayne as shall be brought of theirs to the markett of this borough to be sold. This agreement was made in the towne haule of the sayd borough the seaventeenth day of Januery, Anno D'ni, 1624. Signum Johannis Vruin. Signum Thome Motier. Signum Roberti White, Signum Nicholai Parmiter.

Witnesses hervnto Will'm Derby, Touneclerke, John Condit, Serieant at mace."

681.

[COMPOSITION FOR TOLL. RICHARD FIVIAN.]

M^d that the xvj^th day of May, anno d'ni 1625, Richard Fivian, of Turnerspiddle, did compownd with the Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester for all the arrerags of toll of the Corne which he hath brought to the markett of this Borough before this day for a bushell of barly and the charges of the suppena against him, and promiseth for tyme to come to pay his toll in kynd. Signum Ricardi Fivian. Teste Willielmo Derby, clerico Burgi predicti.

Fol. 155 and 156.

682.

[LEASE TO JOHN GOARE AND HIS SONS.]

John Froome, of Doddings Beere, Dorset, gent., and George Froome, gent., his son and heir apparent, of the one part, demise and to farm letten to John Goare, of Froome Vawchurch, Dorset, yeoman, and to John and William, his sons, of the other part, for their lives and the life of the longest liver, the tenement now in the occupation of said John Goare, the elder, in Frome Vawchurch, one close of pasture (2 acres) adjoining the tenement, 5 other closes, viz., 1 of meadow called Pondclose (1 acre), 1 of meadow called Dynnye meade (2 acres), 1 of pasture called Broade Lynes (12 acres), lying by Clayhill there, 1 of pasture, called Rockes (24 acres), and 1 of arable called Longe Crosse (16 acres), "lying by a place there called Longe Crosse parcell of which premisses weere lately divided and newly enclosed out of the common feilds of Froome Vawchurch aforesaid and exchanged, and now to the said tenement belonging and appertayninge in lieu and recompence of the said division," at a yearly rent of 23 sh. 4d., payable in equal portions at Michaelmas and the Annunciation B.V.M. Sundry covenants. The tenants to have, fell and take competent and sufficient "howse boote, hayboote, hedgeboote, foaldboote, fire boote and plough boote." Richard Keysar and William Byshoppe to deliver possession. 10th June, 43 Elizabeth [1601]. Sealed by John Froome in presence of George Sidenham, Nicholas Guye, Robert Stevens, Thomas Meech, Adlingston Welsteed, John Foorde, Seisin delivered 29th June, in presence of John Singe, John Beere, John Bonger, Roger Rale.

Original signatures are added of W. Whiteway, maior, Jn° Hill, James Gould, Baylyffs, Jo : Porkins (?), Wm. Jolyff, Barnard Toup, Richard Sauage, Jno. Long, W. Whiteway.

Fol. 157.

683.

[GRANT OF ANNUITY TO EDWARD BISSE AND ANOTHER.]

John Pitt, thunger, of Waymouth and Melcomb Regis, Dorset, marchaunt, in consideration of £40 paid him by John (*sic*) Mercer, *alias* Aishe, of Westcombe, in the parish of Batcombe, Somerset, clothier, grants to Edward Bisse, of Spartgrave, Somerset, Esq., and James Mercer, *alias* Aishe, of Westcombe, clothier, their exors., etc., an annuity of £5, to be issuing out of certain houses, edifices, sellars, and new erected buildings in Waymouth and Melcomb Regis in St. Edmund Street, between the same street on the north, the Porte or Haven on the south, lands in occupation of John Hodges on the east, and a Lane or Wharffe leading from St. Nicholas Street to the Porte or Haven on the west, 58 feet long from north to south, and 17½ feet broad from east to west, and out of a close of pasture called Waymouthes North (3½ acres) in the tithing of Southover in parish of Wyke Regis for 99 years from Michaelmas next ensuing, if Margerye, wife of John Mounsell, late of Waymouth and Melcombe Regis, merchante, shall so long live, upon trust to pay the said annuity to her for and towards her better maintenance. Various covenants. Last of May, 12 James, [1614]. In presence of John Hayse, his mark, William Gullock, James George, Edward Ashe.

Fol. 158, 159.

684.

[GRANT OF ANNUITY TO EDWARD BISS AND OTHERS.]

John Pitt, the younger, of Waymouth and Melcombe Regis, merchant, for £100 grants to Edward Bisse, of Spartgrave, Somerset, Esq., James Mercer, *alias* Aishe, of Westcombe, Somerset, clothier, Robert Bateman, of London, marchant, and William Whiteway, of Dorchester, marchants and their ex'ors, etc., an annuity of £10, to be issuing out of a messuage and close of pasture called Rowe close (10 acres) and out of 2 closes of meadow (2 acres) adjoining, in Radipoll,

Dorset, in occupation of Thomas Hill, and out of 1 messuage and seller in Melcombe Regis, "sometime belonging to the Colledge of St. Stephen in Westm'," and out of a parcel of ground on the south of said messuage, 65 feet long from east to west, and 38 feet broad from north to south, etc., for 99 years if Margery, now wife of John Mounsell, of Waymouth and Melcombe Regis, and Peter, their son, or either of them, shall so long live, in trust to pay the same to Margery for her life, and after her death to Peter. Recites a deed of bargain and sale, 11th May, 14 James [1616], by which John Mounsell and Margery, his now wife, grant sundry tenements in Waymouth and Melcombe Regis to John Pitt, the younger, without molestation of any persons claiming under John Mounsell and Peter Mounsell deceased, father and brother of the aforesaid John. Sundry covenants. Signed 25th March, 15 James, [1617], in presence of Richard Bernard, Ro. Grove, John Pytt, Vpton Bysse, Robert Forde.

Fol. 160.

685.

[LEASE TO JAMES AISH.]

4th August, 21 James [1623], John Pitt, of Waymouth and Melcombe Regis, marchaunte, for £124 paid him by James Aish, of Westcombe, Somerset, gent., lets to him to farm a messuage called Easter Lane Howse in Wyke Regis, and 14 acres of meadow in 6 closes adjoining the said messuage, bounded by lands of Robert Pitt and Nicholas Smarte on the east, by land of same Robert Pitt on the west, by the Drove called Cockle Drove on the south, and the commons called the Wilde and Lanehowse Moore on the north. And common of pasture for one horse beast, two kyne, two oxen, two bullockes and two calves, 70 sheep, to depasture in the Commons, Droves, and Common Feilds of Wyke Regis, etc., late in occupation of Philip Nicholles, to hold for 99 years if Margery Mounsell, now wife of John Mounsell, of Courte Broome, co. Lymbrick, Ireland, merchant, Margarett and Mary, their daughters, or either of them, shall so long live, at a yearly rent of 10 sh. Signed in presence of Andrew Kellwaye, Joseph Pitt, John Stacye.

"Memorandum that the three last writinges are true copies of certen writinges whereof vnto other copies wee

have putt our common seale the third day of Aprill in the nynth yeare of the reigne of our sou'aigne Lord Charles . . ., 1633.

Edmunde Dashwoode, maior, W. Whiteway, W. Whiteway, Wm. Jolyff, Barnard Toup, Denis Bond, Jn° Hill, James Gould, Richard Sauage." (Original signatures.)

Fol. 161.

686.

[CHARTER OF JOHN MONNSELL.]

By indenture, 28th August, 1615, the Rt. Hon. Donate, Earle of Thoumond, Lord President of Mounster, demises and lets to farm to John Monnsell, citizen and salter of London, "the Scite circuit and Precinct of the Abbey or disolved Monastery . . . of Channon's Island, with all houses . . . therevnto belonging, togeather with all lands . .. in the Hamlets, Townes, and Feilds of Channons Islande, Inishtubbred, Inisherck and Inishloy," in the county of Clare, Ireland, for 31 years from Michaelmas next, at a yearly rent of £18. The said John to have, during the term, all tithe, corne, altaridge, oblacions, obvencions and other spiritual emoluments which shall grow in and upon the premises, belonging to the said Earl in right of the Abbey of Channons Island and the Abbey of Clare, paying all proxies accruing to the Archbishops, Bishops and their ministers after the end of three years from the date of this indenture, "the said John, his executors and assignes, shall retaine and plant in and vppon the premisses Englishmen as tenants and farmers vnder them and him during this lease, and shall by no meanes after the said three yeares enterteine as tenantes any Irish man whatsoeuer, except household servants of hierdies."

Thomond. In presence of R. Delaheyde, W. Brickdall, Gillabrid m^c^ Bredy.

"This is a true copy of a deed, presented unto us on the behalfe of the aboue mentioned John Monnsell, and was examined before us, the 31th day of January, anno D'ni 1633. Wm. Jolyff, maior, Edmunde Dashwoode, Richard Burie, Baylif, W. Whiteway, Barnard Toup, Denis Bond, W. Whiteway, James Gould, Richard Sauage."

Fol. 162.

687.

[CHARTER OF RICHARD BURY.]

By indenture, 10th June, 13 Charles [1637], Charles James, of Hide, in parish of Steeple, Isle of Purbecke, gent., sells for £190 to Richard Bury, of Dorchester, grocer, and his heirs, his messuage in tenure of William Laurence, gent., called Foxwell's Tenement, on the east side of South High Street, Dorchester, between the burgage and land of James Gould, merchant, on the south and east, and the burgage in tenure of Elizabeth Cundytt, widow, on the north, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty against all persons claiming under the said Charles James, or James James, deceased, his brother, late of Waymouth. Charles James and Johan, his wife, will, if required, within 7 years give further assurance. Robert Coker, the elder, and Mathewe Harvye to deliver seisin.

In presence of Hum. Jolyff, Will. Derbie, Robert Coker, Jo. Foyle.

Livery of seisin in presence of Math. Harvye, William Ben, Will. Derbie.

"This is a true copy of a certen deede in parchment vnder seale presented vnto vs by Mr. Richard Burie, Maior of the Borough of Dorchester to be inrolled in thes booke & was examined before vs the nyneteenth day of February, anno d'ni 1640. Ric° Burie Maior 1640, Edmunde Dashwoode, Wm. Jolyff, Henry Maber, Edw. Dashwood, Richard Sauage, John Bushrod, John Hill, James Gould 1640."

Fol. 163, 164 [165].

688.

[CHARTER OF CHARLES JAMES.]

By Indenture, 11th September, 11 Charles [1635], James James, of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, merchant, for £400 sells to Charles James, of Hyde, in Isle of Purbeck, gent., and his heirs, a messuage in Melcombe Regis on west side of St. Mary's Street, and all messuages, etc., now in occupation of said James James, Roger Gill, and Sicely Hervill, widow, on the west side of Melcombe Regis, between the port and haven on the east, the messuage now or late George Wayman's and the lands now or late James Barton's on the

east (*sic*), lands now or late in occupation of Justinian Kingston, the elder, on the south, and a certain void ground of the said Borough on the north. Also the messuage called Foxwell's Tenement, Dorchester [No. 687], to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. John James and Dorothy, his wife, will give further assurance, etc. Henry Samwaies and John Foyle to deliver seisin. In presence of George Mantell, Thomas Foxwell, J. Foile, Henr. Samwaies. Livery of seisin the same day, in presence of Thomas Foxwell, George Mantell, Jo. Foile, Tho. Dashwood, Henr. Samwaies, Certified by same persons as the preceding Deed, 19th February, 1640.

"Ex^r per Will'm Derby, co'em clericu' Burgi de Dorchester."

Fol. [165] *verso.*

689.

[NATHANIEL WHITE'S RELEASE.]

George Cole, of Dorchester, merchant, releases to Nathanael White, of the same, all actions, etc., against him from the beginning of the world. 14th December, 1647. Witnesses, John Bushrod, Sam. White, Jos. White.

690.

[NATHANIEL WHITE'S RELEASE.]

George Little, of Toller Porcorum, Dorset, merchant, makes the like release to Nathanael White, 14th December, 1647. Witnesses, John Bushrod, Jn° Bragge, Will'm White.

Certified as true copies, 17th December, 1647, but no signatures.

Fol. [166].

691.

[LEASE TO RICHARD BURY.]

By Indenture, 26th October, 23 Charles [1647], the Rt. Hon. Sir William Stowrton, K.B., Lord Stowrton of Stowrton, for £1,100, to farm lets to Richard Bury, of Dorchester, marchant, the farm of Buckerswerton, *alias* Buckhorne, called Cort Farm, in parish of Buckhorne Weston, Dorset, late in tenure of John Davidge, gent., deceased, and now of Henry Davidge, yeoman, together with Broad Shawe (16 acres),

Broad Shawe wood (40 acres), late divided into several closes, Long Shawe (22 acres), ditto, a pasture called the Lawne (7 acres), an orchard (1 acre), Bury Croft (6 acres), Calfe hay (2 acres), 7 acres of meadow in the Moore, 11 acres of arable in the North Feild, 16 acres of arable in the South Feild, free fishing, and common of pasture, for 99 years from 25th March next, if Phinees Bury, John Bury, and Thomas Bury, sons of the said Richard Bury, or any of them, so long live, at a yearly rent of £4 18s. 4d., and the best beast (or £3) as heriot. Allowance of necessary House Boote, Rayle Boote, Gate Boote, Bridge Boote, Plough Boote, and Cart Boote. Witnesses, Will. Hussey, James Baker, Walter Barnes, Geo. Moore, William White.

Certified as a true copy, 24th October, 1648. Examined by Will. Derby, Town Clerk, and Thos. Sheppard.

Fol. [167] *verso* [168].

692.

[MORTGAGE TO RICHARD BURY.]

By Indenture of 8th November, 22 Charles [1646], Stephen Moorecocke, of Dorchester, dyer, and Anne, his wife, sell to Richard Bury, of Dorchester, merchant, and his heirs, for £100 their messuage on the north side of High East Street, between the messuage or lands late in tenure of Edward Dashwood on the east, and those late in tenure of Walter Hewett on the west, the river and stream of water running from the Friary Mills on the north, and High East Street on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. Thomas Poole, clothier, and Richard Scovile, gent., to deliver seisin. Provided that if the grantors pay to the said Richard Bury £16 yearly for 6 years, from 24th December next, and also £204 at Lady Day, 1653, the present indenture and sale to be void. Witnesses, Ri. Scovile, Tho. Poole, Nath. Osborne.*

* This was not the only transaction had between the parties, for by indenture of 17th June, 18 Charles [1642] between Steven Moorecocke, of Dorchester, Dyer, and Richard Bury, of Dorchester, Grocer (reciting that John Strong, of Dorchester, Whitebaker, by indenture of 25th March, 14 Charles [1639], to farm let to Steven Moorecocke, a garden containing five goads in extent, on which the said Steven had lately built a dying house, in the parish of All Saints, Dorchester, for 14 years, at a rent of 30 sh. per ann., and the said Steven is indebted to the said Richard in the sum of £35), the former mortgages to the latter the said premises, together with his household stuff, as security for payment on 24th June, 1643. [Document in possession of G. Troyte-Chafyn-Grove, Esq.]

Certified as a true copy, 26th July, 1654, by Henry Maber, Maior, George Cole, Jno. Whiteway, Richard Sauage, John Bushrod, Josiah Terry, Tho. Symonds.

[For the loan of £100, the mortgagee receives £300 in the course of six years.]

Fol. [169].

693.

AGREEMENTS FOR TOLL. [NICHOLAS HAYNE.]

"Be it remembred That on the Three and Twentith day of May, 1655, Nicholas Hayne, of Alton Pancras, gent., Hath compounded with the Corporacion of Dorchester for the Tole of the corne payable out the Parsonage of Alton Pancras for one whole yeare (vidzt) from Mich'mas day last vnto Mich'mas day next, and hath promisd to bring in vnto Mr. Mayor the next Saturday Two Bushells of wheate in leiu of the Tole of the same Parsonage for this yeare, And the said Mr. Haine being sued by the Corporacion for the Tole, hee hath promised to pay the charge that the Corporacion hath expended concerninge him. In Testimony whereof the said Mr. Haine hath herevnto subscribed his name the day and yeare aforesaid. Nicho. Hayne."

694.

WILLIAM ALNER.

"The 16th day of June, 1655, William Alner, of Divelish, hath compownded with the Corporacion for the Tole of his Corne for this yeare to bee ended at Mich'mas next and hath paid Three Shillings to Mr. Major for his Composicion and hath promised to pay his parte of the charge, and promised to pay tole for what corne he shall hereafter bring to the Merkett for the future as others that bring corne to the merkett doe. Witnes his hand." [No signature.]

695.

[CHRISTOPHER ALNER.]

"The 9th day of June, 1655, Christopher Alner, of Divelish, hath compounded for his tole for this yeare to be ended at Mich'mas at the rate of 1s. 6d."

696.

[GILES SAMSON.]

"The 2nd day of January, 1655, Giles Samson, of Milborne, in the liberty of Divilish, hath compownded with the Corporacion for his tole of corne broughte in to the Merkett vntill Michaelmas last being sued for the same and hath paid xij^{d} for such his composicion, and hath agreed to pay tole as others doe hereafter, and in testimony thereof hath herevnto putt his hand." No signature.

697.

HUMPHREY BAYLY.

"xjth Aprill, 1656. Whereas Humfrey Baylye, of Nether Cerne, gent., hath byn fined in the Court of Exchequer by the Maior, Bailiffs & Capitall Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester for refuseing to pay toll, where vpon this day the said Humfry Baylye did compound and agree with the said Mannor (*sic*) Bailiffs and Burgesses of the said Borough for the said Toll, vizt. to pay in hand for and towards the costs & arreares six shillinges and viij^{d}., and henceford to pay the toll dulye of all such Corne as the said Humfrey Baylye shall bring or send vnto this Towne to be solde. This Agreement made in the towne hall of the said Borough the eleventh daye of Aprill, 1656. Humfry Bayly. Wittnesses heerevnto, Gilbbe' Loder, John Gilbert, William Ryall."

698.

[DUKE OF RICHMOND AND LENOX TO BE HIGH STEWARD.]

"To all to whome these presents shall come the Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Capitall Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset send Greeting. Know yee that the said Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Capitall Burgesses have elected and chosen the Right Hono^{ble} Charles, Duke of Richmond and Lenox, Earle of Litchfeild, March and Darnely, Lord de Aubignie, Baron of Newbury, Leighton, Brunswald, Setterrington, Torbolton, Cruxston, and Methuen, Lord High Chamberlaine and Admirall of Scotland and Lord Leiv^{t} of the County of Dorset, to be high Steward of the said Borough, which his Grace hath bin pleased to accept of, which with all humble thankefulnes we acknowledge, and

in testimony thereof we have caused these presents to be enrolled in the Doomesday booke of the said Borough, and have herevnto affixed our Common seale the vijth day of November in the twelveth yeare of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, Frannce & Ireland King, Defender of the Fayth, &c." [1660].

Fol. [170].

699.

[CHARTER OF ROBERT WYER, JUN.]

By Indenture of 4th July, 1659, John Churchill, of Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, yeoman, sells to Roberte Wyer, the younger, of Sherborne, tobacco cutter, and his heirs, for £90 his messuage and garden in the occupation of Edward Chepman, the elder, clothier, on the north side of High East Street, between the land of Clement Bryne in the east, and a wall called the Friery Wall on the north, and land of the Feoffees of All Saints' church now in the tenure of Frederick Loffe the elder, gent., on the west, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. John Churchill and Elizabeth, his wife, if required, will give further assurance. John Foyle, gent., and Charles Allen, to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Edward Scamell, Edward Chepman, the mark of Charles Allen, John Foyle, John Chepman.

Livery of seisin same day, in presence of Edward Scamell, George Manuell, John Chepman. (*Cf.* 650.)

Edward Chepman, the elder, the tenant of the messuage for the life of Edward Churchill, father of the said John Churchill, attorned tenant to Roberte Wyer, by the delivery of one peece of sixepence in silver vnto him, the said Rob'te Wyer, in the name and liewe of attornement. Witnesses, John Moore, Ellis Evered, Thomas Allen, John Chapman, the mark of Nicholas Dowle, Jo. Foyle.

Certified as a true copy, 29th November, 1661. Josiah Terry, maior.

Ex^{d} by Joseph Derby, Common Clerk of the Borough.

Fol. [171] *verso.* 700.

[THOMAS FREKE, HIGH STEWARD.]

Deed Poll by which the Mayor, Bayliffes, Aldermen and Capitall Burgesses make known that they have elected

the Honourable Thomas Freke, of Shroton, Dorset, Esq., a Deputy Lieutenant, and one of the Knights of the Shire in the present Parliament, to be High Steward of the Borough. Enrolled in the Doomesday Book. 1st September, 31 Charles II. [1679].

701.

[DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, HIGH STEWARD.]

Similar appointment of the most noble and mighty Prince John, Duke of Newcastle, Marquis and Earl of Clare, Baron Houghton of Houghton, Lord Lieut. of Notts, Lord Warden of Forest of Sherwood, Lord Lieut. of East Riding of Yorkshire, Governor of the Town and Fort of Kingston upon Hule, K.G., to be High Steward of the Borough. Enrolled in the Doomesday Book. 23rd January, 13 William III. [1701].

The following deeds are not enrolled in the Domesday, but are placed here as being similar in character to some of the preceding documents.

702.

[CHARTER OF JOHN STRATFORD.]

John Wyllyams and Roger Howell, Wardens of the Fraternity of St. Mary in St. Peter's church, Dorchester, with the unanimous assent and consent of the brethren and sisters of the said Fraternity, and for a certain sum of money, grant to John Stratford, goldesmythe, and his heirs for ever, two burgages in St. Peter's parish, in the western part of High South Street, Dorchester, one between the burgages of said John Stratford on the north and of the Prior or Chaplain of the chapel of St. John Baptist in Dorchester on the south, the other between the burgages of the said Prior on the north and of the Bailiffs of Dorchester on the south, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. William Stone, jun., and John Barree to deliver seisin. Sealed by the Wardens, and with the seal of the Borough. Witnesses, Laurence Balner and Edward Welys, Bailiffs, Reginald Rawleyn and Robert Jamys, Constables, William Stone, sen., Nicholas Perham, John Aden, William Palmer, John Jamys, Robert Wyllyams, Richard Howell, John Haywarde, John Samwys, Richard Perham, and others, 1st December, 18 Henry VIII. [1526].

Two seals are gone; that of the town remains (slightly injured), bearing a castle triple-towered, with arms of France and England quarterly before the gate. Legend, SIGILL . . . . . LLIVORVM DORCESTRE. B. 5.

703.

[JUDGMENT IN CARDROWE *v.* SAMPFORDE AND OTHERS.]

This is an exemplification, 10th May, 8 Elizabeth [1566], of a decree in Chancery in the suit brought by William Cardrowe of Cerne, merchant, against Richard Sampforde, George Golde, and Symon Golde. Richard Sampforde, of Cerne, yeoman, was seised in fee of three closes of land, meadow and pasture, called Rodehill, in the parish of Minterne, and of a copse or "springe of woode," with the ground and soil thereof, about 4 acres, in the parish of Hermitage, and divers other lands, etc., under the will of Nicholas Sampforde, his father, for term of years, and to the use of Elizabeth and Mary, daughters of the said Nicholas, and for their education and maintenance. And he, being so seised, about 3 years past agreed to convey the premises to the complainant, William Cardrowe, for 100 marks, and received £56 13s. 4d. of that sum, the rest to be paid thereafter, and promised to make to the complainant a good and sufficient estate in the premises, in fee simple. This the defendant eventually refused to do, and also demised the premises to one, George Golde, "a man of great substance and wealthe and of no lesse frendes and power in the County," and to Simon Golde, his son, for 99 years, who have since cut down, etc., the hedges, quicksettes, and woods growing about the premises.

The judgment of the Court was against Sampforde, who was ordered, 28th November, last, before the feast of the Purification following, to convey to the complainant the premises in fee simple, discharged of the lease made to George and Symon Golde, (or else repay him the £56 13s. 4d., together with £20 towards his charges) and receive from him £10, the residue of the 100 marks, and the "obligation" he had made to the plaintiff. Should the defendant refuse to perform either alternative, the possession of the lands would be assigned to the complainant by decree of the Court. And as it appeared that the defendant refused, it is ordered by decree of the Court 6th February, 8 Elizabeth [1566], that the complainant, his heirs and assigns, shall enjoy the premises.

A commission is appointed to examine into and assess the waste and spoil done by the defendant and his assigns since 28th November last, which was alleged to have been great, the defendant to satisfy the plaintiff for the same. A. 22.

704.

[FINE, ROBINSON *v.* ADEN.]

Fine levied between George Robynson, querent, and Robert Aden, *alias* Barbett, deforciant, Michaelmas, 17 Elizabeth [1575], whereby the said Robert acknowledges, for £40, a messuage and garden in Dorchester to be the right of George, which the latter had by gift of said Robert. Warranty. (*Cf.* 674, 675.) A. 23.

705.

[RECOVERY, HARBYN *v.* ROBYNSON.]

William Harbyn *v.* George Robynson,* being the recovery of a messuage and garden in Dorchester, suffered in Easter term, 18 Elizabeth. Vouchees, Robert Aden and John Howell. Exemplification dated 4th June, 18 Elizabeth [1576]. A. 24.

706.

[ROBERT WARREN'S RELEASE.]

Owin Baylie, son and heir of William Baylie, late of Dorchester, baker, releases to Robert Warren, of Dorchester, inholder, all right in a messuage in the east part of a street or lane leading from High East Street to a lane commonly called Durnegate lane, between burgages of Peter Goodfellowe on the north (*sic*) and Benet Grey on the north (*sic*). Warranty. 21st February, 19 Elizabeth [1577], per Ma: Chubbe. On the back the witnesses, Raffe Pallmer, Robar Hode . . . dam alj's bussusl (?), al's Sr Dagonet Knight. Signum Robt. Earlie. "Testeque me Mattheo Chubbe, scriptore." Seal gone. B. 8.

* Memorandum written on a small scrap of parchment,—"In this box is an Indenture that leadeth the vse of a fine betwene Georg Robynson and Raulfe Palmer, and it resteth in trust, as well for Mr. Palmer as for Morgan Stone. And for that intent the burgesses have granted to either of them a writing vnder the common seale to sho forth this deed in anie cort, if it bee required: they gave nothing for keeping it." B. 43.

707.

[BOND BY LUKE ADYN TO THOMAS HARDYE.]

Bond in £200, by Luke Adyn, of Dorchester, gentleman, to Thomas Hardye, of Frampton, gentleman, 5th October, 19 Elizabeth [1577], that the said Thomas Hardye, and his heirs, may peaceably enjoy a messuage on the north side of High East Street, between burgage of John Churchell on the west, and that of John Browne, Esq., on the east, and also a messuage on the north side of Durnegate lane, in the west part of another lane leading from High East Street towards the said Durnegate lane, on south of a burgage now or late in tenure of Michaell Taylor, and in the east parte of the burgage of John Hennynge. Witnesses, William Churchill, John [? Fysher], Gyles Symondes, John Browne, John Hennyng, Matthew Chubbe, "scriptore." B. 15.

708.

[STRATFORD'S AND LYMSTER'S BOND TO BOKE.]

Bond, 17th May, 35 Elizabeth [1593], by which Laurence Stratforde, of Dorchester, goldsmyth, and Henry Lymster, of Dorchester, gent., are bound to Edward Boke, of Dorchester, feltmaker, in £120, to perform the bargaynes, sales, etc., named in an indenture of bargain and sale of this date, made between Laurence Stratforde and Henry Lymster of the one part, and Edward Boke of the other part, reciting the sale of six messuages in Dorchester. "Laur' Stratford. Per He' Lymster."

Two small seals of red wax, obliterated. Witnesses, Matthew Chubbe, Jn° Adyn, Ball', William Churchill, W. M. William Myller, John Yeatt, Nycholas Davye, Richard Barker, Thomas Coker. B. 9.

709.

[ROBERT WARREN'S RELEASE.]

William Myller, of Dorchester, yeoman, releases to Robert Warren, of Dorchester, and his heirs, all right, etc., in a messuage on the east side of a lane leading out of High Est Street towards Durnelane in the parish of All Saints, between lande of Robert Goodfellow on the south, and lande of William Graye on the north. 20th June, 38 Elizabeth [1596]. Witnesses, Richarde Rutter, Clarck, Lawr' Stratford, Matthew Chubbe, "scriptore." B. 15.

710.

JOHN CARDROW'S GENERAL RELEASE.

John Cardrow, of Dorchester, grocer, releases to Thomas Foxall, of London, grocer, all actions, etc., from the beginning of the world to the present date, 23rd March, 1611 [1611-2], 9 James. Witnesses, Edmunde Dashwood, Charles Gostling, Will'm Derby.

Wafer seal. Within a bordure engrailed a cinquefoil ermine pierced, a mullet for difference. B. 21.

711.

MR. RUTTER AND HIS SON'S BOND FOR LEVYING A FINE.

Bond in £100, by Richard Rutter and Nicholas Rutter, of Constantyne, Cornwall, clerks, to John Parkins, John Gould, sen., and William Whiteway, of Dorchester, merchants, and William Jolliffe, of Dorchester, *pannitor*, 9th March, 17 James [1619], that whereas the said Richard Rutter and Charity, his wife, and said Nicholas Rutter, have acknowledged a note of a fine unto John Parkins, John Gould, sen., William Whiteway and William Jolliffe in the Court of Common Pleas, of a messuage in All Saints' parish, on the east of a lane leading from the East Street unto Durne lane, between land of Robert Goodfellow on the south to lands of the heirs of Lawrence Stoford on the north (in which note Richard Rutter, gent., son of the said Richard Rutter, is also named for a Cognuzor), the said Richard Rutter, the son, before next Michaelmas shall also acknowledge the said fine. Witnesses, Fra : Ashley, Will'm Smith, Ro : Neuburgh. B. 15.

712.

DEEDS OF A MESSUAGE IN HIGH SOUTH STREET.

A.

An Indenture, 22nd July, 1 Charles [1625], by which Sir John Strangwaies, of Abbottsbury, Knt., Sir Thomas Trenchard, of Charminster, Knt., Sir Thomas Freke, of Iwerne Courtney, Knt., John Freke, Esq., son and heir apparent of the said Sir Thomas Freke, and Bampfeild Chaffyn, of Folke, Esq., for £100 grant to Sir George Trenchard, of Litchett Matravers, Knt., and his heirs, a messuage now or late in occu-

pation of Joane Gould, widow, in High South Street, St. Peter's parish, Dorchester, late parcel of the possessions of Sir John Williams, late of Herringston, Knt., deceased.

John Strangways, in pres. of Ri: King, Wm. Golsney, Henry Deycke, Rob'te. Ryues. Seal gone.

Tho. Freke, in presence of the same. Seal. A shield, bearing two bars, in chief three mullets.

Bampfeild Chafyn, in presence of same. Seal obliterated.

Tho: Trenchard, in presence of Rob'te Ryues, Walter Gould, J. Hardy, 1615. Seal, a . . . tripping.

John Freke, in presence of Richarde Ryves, Rob'te Ryues, John Farneham, Seal partly obliterated.

Endorsed "First (*sic*) of July first yere of King Charles: Sr Jo. Strangewayes & others graunt of the Fee to Sr Geo. Trenchard."

B.

Indenture, 23rd April, 2 Charles [1626], by which Sir George Trenchard, of Wolueton, Knt., grants the same premises for £80 to George Tuynehoe the elder, of Turneworth, Richard Ryves, of Childockford, and Henry Fantleroy, of Wimborne St. Giles, gent., and their heirs.

Seal of red wax, with shield quarterly; *Trenchard* and *Mohun*. Crest of Trenchard.

In presence of Nicholas Strangwayes, Rich: Wright, Ric: Courthope, Jo. Morley, Apr. 23, 1626.

C.

Indenture, 15th March, 16 Charles [1640-1]. Henry Fauntleroy, of Wimborne St. Gyles, gent., reciting that the previous indenture was executed by the direction of John Gardner, decd., in trust for his son, John Gardner, and that he the said Henry Fauntleroy, was the sole surviving trustee, conveys the premises to said John Gardner, of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, merchant, son and heir of John Gardner, of the same, deceased, and his heirs. Wm. Jolyff and Henry Bestland to deliver possession.

Seal of red wax, broken. Witnesses, John Gould, George Clyves, Tho: Frampton.

D.

Indenture of lease, 23rd March, 16 Charles, 1640[-1], by which the said John Gardner mortgages the premises to

his brother, Wm. Gardner, of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis for £100 for 100 years. Witnesses, Henry Bluhett, Hum. Jolyff, Hen. Bestland, Seal gone.

E.

Bond of John Gardner to his brother in £200, to perform the covenants of the above indenture, 23rd March, 1640[-1].

F.

Indenture, 24th March, 16 Charles, 1640[-1], by which Willyam Gardner, reciting the indenture of 23rd March, 1640[-1] and that he has received in trust £100 from his sister, Johane Allford, wife of Wm. Allford, to invest for the benefit of her and her children, which he has lent to his brother, John Gardner, now conveys his interest in the premises to said William Allford, of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, merchant. Witnesses, Fra : Gape, John Filldewe,

Seal of red wax, obliterated.

G.

Deed poll by which John Gardner, who is sued for debt by one, John Chard, before the Mayor of Waymouth, and for whom his brother, William Gardner, has become pledge, grants to his said brother the enjoyment of the premises until he is repaid all money paid by him to the said John Chard. 7th September, 1641.

H.

An indenture, 18th March 1651[-2], by which William Alford, of Yeovill, merchant, and William Gardner, of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, merchant, reciting the previous deeds, and that the messuage is decayed by neglect of Temperance Gardner, widow, mother of John Gardner, who has a life interest therein, convey their interest in the premises to Gilbert Loder, of Dorchester, gent., for £100.

I.

Bond of W. Alford and W. Gardner in £200 to Gilbert Loder, to perform the covenants.

J.

Indenture of last of May, 1652, by which John Gardner releases to Gilbert Loder a proviso in his deed of 23rd March, 1640[-1], and grants the fee to John Loder, of Fordington, gent., with proviso on payment of £59 on 2nd June, 1654, to regrant the fee only.

K.

John Loder gives licence to Philip Stansby, who is possessed of the premises till the death of Temperance Gardner, to take down part of the buildings. 15th June, 1652.

Seal of red wax, undecipherable. B. 58*a*.

III.

THE COMPANY OF FREEMEN OF THE BOROUGH OF DORCHESTER.

The Charter granted by James I. to the Borough of Dorchester, 26th June, 1610, provided that no person not being a free burgess or free inhabitant of the Borough should presume to exercise any art, occupation or mistery, or use any shop or station for sale therein, except in the time of fairs and markets, under pain of forfeiture, fine and imprisonment. The Bailiffs and Capital Burgesses were also given power to make Bye-laws for the due government of the inhabitants.

In accordance with these provisions of the Charter, the Bailiffs, Capital Burgesses and Common Council issued fourteen Bye-laws or Constitutions (B. 27) on 22nd October, 1621, which called into existence "*The Company of Freemen of the Borough of Dorchester*," consisting of all the freemen, with power to elect yearly a Governor, four Assistants, and a Receiver, the Governor and Assistants, when elected, to appoint a Clerk and Beadle; the Governor to call a Hall four times a year for the election of freemen, and the Governor, the four Assistants and five Capital Burgesses to have power to allow of, for Freemen, all the free inhabitants of the Borough, and their apprentices who have served their time, on payment of 12d. for a handicrafts man, and 2s. for every other person, and to admit "forreigners and strangers as they shall hold meete," on payment of a fine. No person not a free Burgess or free inhabitant shall exercise or work at any art, occupation, or mistery within the Borough under a penalty of 40s. a month. It is provided that the Freemen shall be liable to certain rates, taxes and fines, that a common purse and stock be kept by the Receiver, that apprentices be enrolled, that no inhabitant shall take a tenant who is not a freeman, or demise a building site to any other, or employ a journeyman or servant not approved by the Governing Body, or sell the goods of any foreigner which he has not lawfully bought.

North East View of Dorchester Dorset.

These Constitutions are as follows (B. 27*a*) :—

Constitutions of the Company of Freemen, made the 22nd October, 1621.

1. UPON complaynt and desire of reformacion to the Bayliffs and Capitall Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset lately made by their neighbours Inhabitants of the same Borough of the manifold abuses and disorders dayly arising within the said Borough by the want of care to put in execucion his Majesties Royall Charter or Letters Patents lately graunted to the Bayliffs and Burgesses of the said Borough as well as in that parte thereof which concernes the prohibicion of all (except Freemen and their apprentices) to vse or exercise any arte occupacion or mistery or to sell or vtter any merchandize within the said Borough (but only in the tyme of Faires there) as alsoe for want of fitt ordinances and constitucions for the better government of the Inhabitants of the said Borough in poynt of trade, which the Bayliffs and Capitall Burgesses of this Borough have authority to make by vertue of the said Charter or Letters Patents, Wee the Bayliffs and maior parte of the Capitall Burgesses and Common Counsell of the said Borough, vpon Consideracion of the premisses, assembling and meeting togither in the Towne hall of the said Borough on the two and twentith day of October A'no D'ni 1621, doe by vertue of the power vnto vs given by his Maiesties said Charter or Letters Patents with our generall consent constitute ordeyne make and establish these Lawes institucions ordinances and constitucions following to be for ever heerafter inviolably kept, and observed within the said Borough, viz.

2. IMPRIMIS, that all the Freemen of the said Borough shall from henceforth for ever bee called by the name of *The Company of Freemen of the Borough of Dorchester*, and that there shall bee for ever heerafter chosen yearly at the Towne Hall of the said Borough, on the next Munday after the Feast of St. Michaell Tharchangell by the maior parte of Freemen of the said Borough (not being Capitall Burgesses) which shall bee present at such choice, one person that shall be Governor of the Company of Freemen of the said Borough and fower Assistants vnto him, and one Receiver for the same Company of meete and discreete Freemen of the said Borough (not being Capitall Burgesses there) whoe shall vndertake the saide places whervnto they shall bee soe chosen and shall

continewe in their places by the space of one whole yeare then next following, vpon payne of euery of them refusing, to forfeite the some of Forty shillings. And in case any of the saide Governor Assistants or Receiver shall dye in tyme of his or their office then an other Freeman or Freemen of the said Borough shall bee chosen in his or their place or places so dying in manner aforesaid, within one weeke after the death of any such person soe dying, whoe shall vndertake and execute the place or places where vnto he or they shall be chosen vntill a new officer or officers shall be chosen in his or their places vpon the payne aforesaid. And for the first Gouernor of the said company John Hill of the Borough aforesaid is elected and appoynted, and for the first iiij Assistants Robert Coker, Joseph Paty, John Conduit, and John Cooke are elected and appoynted, and for the first Receiver Morgan Hayne is elected and appoynted.

3. Item, that the said Governor and his Fower Assistants shall chuse and have of fitt and discreete persons for such places one Clerke and one Beadle of the said company to doe and performe such things as to their places or offices shall appertayne.

4. Item, that the said Governor shall for ever heerafter (yf there bee cause) Fower tymes in the yeare, viz. every quarter once, and noe oftner, without extraordinary occasion, call a Hall, at which tymes and none other (except vpon vrgent cause) Freemen of the said Borough shall bee elected or allowed.

5. Item, that the said Governor and Fower Assistants togither with five of the Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough (which shall be from tyme to tyme appointed by the then Bayliffs of the said Borough), or the maior parte of them (soe as there be as many of the said Capitall Burgesses presente as of the said Governor and Assistants) shall at all tymes heerafter have power to allow of for Freemen, all Free Inhabitants of the said Borough, and all Free Mens apprentices of the said Borough which shall have served out their apprentishippes within this Borough for the Fyne of Twelve pence for every handicrafts man, and of two shillings for any other person, and admitt and infranchise for Freemen of the said Borough such other forreigners and strangers as they shall hold meete and for such Fynes as they shall agree of, the names of which Freemen with their Fynes shall be from tyme to tyme registred and recorded in a booke by the Clarke of

the Company within one weeke after such allowance or admittance.

6. ITEM, that noe person (which shall not bee a Free Burgesse or Free Inhabitant of the said Borough after one monethes warning vnto him given by the said Governor, or in his absence by any of the said fower Assistants, to desist or forbeare) shall at any time heerafter exercise any arte occupacion or mistery within the said Borough and the precincts of the same nor shall worke or labor in any arte occupacion or mistery within the Borough aforesaid and the precincts of the same, or shall have or vse any howse shop place or standing in the Borough aforesaid and the precincts of the same for the selling or vttering of any merchandize or any other thing there (except victuelles only) or for the exercising of any arte, occupacion or mistery in the Borough aforesaid (except only in the tymes of Faires and Marketts there) vpon paine to forfeite loose and pay to the hands of the said Governor of the said Company for the tyme being the somme of Forty shillings to be by him deliuered over to the Receiver of the said Company, for every moneth that any such person shall breake or disobey this Constitucion, to be recovered by distres and sale of the gooddes of every person soe offending or by any other course, as a Fyne on him heerby imposed for his contempt and disobedience in not fullfilling and performing his Maiestys graunt and Royall comaundement in this behalfe mencioned and expressed in the said Charter or Letters Patents.

7. ITEM, that the Governor of the said Company and his fower Assistants for the tyme being shall from tyme to tyme for ever heerafter endevor to recover and receive all such Fyne and Fines as shall be by any person or personnes forfeited by force of any of these Constitucions, and attend prosecute and defend all suits in Law and Complaynts which shall be comenced or prosecuted concerning the execucion of these presente Constitucions or follow any other fitt course for the vpholding and mayntayning of these presente Constitucions at the Costs of the Common purse of the said Company.

8. ITEM, that the Governor of the said Company and his fower Assistants for the tyme being togither with Five of the Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough to bee from tyme to tyme named by the then presente Bayliffs or the greater parte of them (soe as there bee as many of the said Five Capitall Burgesses presente as of the said Governor and Assistants) shall for ever heerafter as they shall see occasion assesse

rate and tax all Freemen and Free Inhabitants of the said Borough (the then presente Bayliffs only excepted) at such reasonable rates and taxes as to them shall seeme meete towards defraying of such charges and expences and raising of such sommes as by the said Capitall Burgesses Governor and Assistants or the greater parte of them (wherof the said Governor to be one) shall be thought fitt to be defraied, expended and raised for the good and benefitt of the said Company of Freemen and the suppressing of forreigners. Or if the said Capitall Burgesses Governor and Assistants shall differ about any of the said rates, then the said presente Bayliffs shall decide such difference. And that every Freeman of the said Borough shall for ever heerafter within eight dayes after demaund to him made, satisfy and pay to the said Receiver all such somme and sommes of mony as he shall bee rated or taxed at, vpon payne to forfeite for every such offence three shillings and fower pence and three shillings and fower pence more for euery moneth that such his rate shall be vnpaid after the end of the said eight dayes.

9. ITEM, that the Governor of the said Company and his Fower Assistants for the tyme being or the greater parte of them togither with Five of the Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough to be from tyme to tyme appoynted by the then Bayliffs of the said Borough or the maior parte of them wherof the said Governor to be one, soe as there bee as many of the said Capitall Burgesses presente as of the said Governor and Assistants, shall and may for ever heerafter fyne or amerce every Freeman and Free Inhabitant of the said Borough that shall carry himselfe stubornely or otherwise misdemeane himselfe or shall refuse to observe such Orders for the goverment of the same Company and for the ordring of trade amongest the tradesmen of the said Borough as by the said Capitall Burgesses Governor and Assistants shall be thought fitt, soe as the same Fyne on any person for any such offence exceed not Tenne shillings, the same Orders being first allowed off and confirmed by the Bayliffs and Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough or by the greater parte of them.

10. ITEM, that there shall bee a common purse and stock for the said Company which shall be kept by the Receiver for the said Company for the tyme being and that the said Receiver shall collect, distreyne for, sew for, receive and gather such seuerall rates and taxes as shall be vpon the Freemen and Free Inhabitants of the said Borough sett and assessed,

and shall receive all Fynes and other monyes which shall bee forfeited by breach of any of these Constitucions and all other monyes which shall belong to the said Company, and shall out of the same deliver and pay all such sommes of mony as shall bee thought needfull by the Governor of the said Company and his said Assistants for the tyme being, or the maior parte of them, wherof the said Governor to be one, for any cause or matter whatsoever for the good of the said Company, And shall within tenne dayes next after a new Receiver shall be chosen in his place, make his Accompt faire writen in a booke for that purpose before the Bayliffs and Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough and before the Governor of the said Company and his Fower Assistants which were in office that yeare that he was Receiver, or before as many of them as will be presente at such accompt, of all such sommes of mony as he hath or shall receive or disburse by vertue of his office of Receivership and pay over the Remaynder vpon his accompt to the next Receiver for the said Company within one weeke next after his Accompt soe made vpon payne to forfeite Five shillings: and Five shillings more for euery weeke after that he shall not make his accompt and deliver over the Remaynder as aforesaid.

11. ITEM, that euery person that shall bee bownd Apprentice to any Freeman within this Borough shall have his name registred by the Clerke of the said Company at or before the next Quarter calling of a Hall, after he shall bee soe bownd, in a faire booke to be provided for such purpose, vpon payne that euery such Freeman shall forfeite Forty shillings, and such Apprentice his Freedom, and every such Apprentise to pay for the entry of his Apprentiship fower pence and noe more.

12. ITEM, that noe Inhabitant within this Borough of Dorchester shall take into his howse or any parte therof any Tenant Inmate or vndertenant for their habitacion other then such as are or shall bee Freemen of the same Borough, nor shall graunt nor demise any parcell of grownd within the same Borough to any person that shall theron erect or build any messuage or dwelling howse but only to a Freeman of the said Borough (except the same person that is or shall bee soe taken in or to whome such grownd shall bee graunted or demised, bee first allowed of by the said Five Capitall Burgesses to be chosen as aforesaid, and by the said Governor and his Assistants or the maior parte of them).

13. ITEM, that noe Freeman or Free Inhabitant of the said Borough shall entertayne into his service any iorney man or servant (except apprentices) vnles the same iorney man or servant shall bee first approved of and allowed by the said Five Capitall Burgesses and by the said Governor and his Fower Assistants or the maior parte of them: vpon payne to forfeite for every such iorney man or servant that he shall soe entertayne contrary to this Constitucion the somme of six shillings and eight pence for every moneth that he shall soe entertayne any such iorney man or servant.

14. ITEM, that noe Freeman or Free Inhabitant of the said Borough shall directly or indirectly vtter or sell within the said Borough the goodes wares or merchandize of any forreigner ther then such as he hath himselfe lawfully bought, and is his owne proper goodds before such sale or vtterance vpon payne to forfeite for every tyme that he shall breake this Constitucion the summe of five powndes.

In testimony of allowance of these Constitucions we the Bailiffs and maior parte of the Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough have heervnto subscribed our names and set our Common Seale the day and yeare first above written.

Richard Blachford,	Bayliffs.	Oliver Hayne.
Richard Bushrod,		Jo: Pirkins.
W. Whitaker.		Wm Jolyff.
John Spicer.		Barnard Toup.
Edmunde Dashwoode.		D. Bond.

[There are other names which seem to be later additions.]

Wee the Inhabitants Freemen of the Borough of Dorchester haue seene and pervsed the Constitucions abovesaid and doe heerby submitt our selves to performe and observe them and euery of them and for the breach of them or any of them doe consent and agree to pay and be lyable to the paines penaltyes and forfeitures therin conteyned in manner and forme therin expressed.

Here follow, for the rest of the skin of parchment, and on the back of it, a very large number of signatures of Freemen, closely written, some few being dated, the latest 1679. No seal is now attached to the document.

It will be seen that these Bye-laws were not made until the lapse of eleven years subsequent to the granting of the Charter. Perhaps the two following extracts from Minute

Book C. 4 may record a circumstance which impressed upon the Corporation the need of definite rules and constitutions for the protection of the interests of the townsmen.

6th Nov., 1619. "Upon complaynt made vnto the Bayliffs and Burgesses of this Borough that one Thomas Ford is come to this Borough and heere intendeth to set vp a wholesale Trade for mercery wares for a Londoner, to the greate hindrance of the mercers within this Borough; the Bailiffs and Capitall Burgesses of the same Borough being assembled did hold it fitt and soe did agree that seeing they haue a charter within this Borough to exclude all Forreiners that the said Thomas Ford and his master for whome he deales shall be kept out of this Borough for setting vp their said Trade here."

20th August, 1620. "The day and yeare abouseaid the company being called togither about a peticion preferred to ye Duke of Lenox by one Thomas Ford who hath lately set vp trade in this borough wherin he hath suggested that he was admitted leave and allowance of 7 of the cheifest magistrates and Justices of this towne, now all these of the Common Counsell of this borough whose names are heervnder written doe vtterly disavow that ever they gave consent to any admittance vnto him but have been very much against it and doe all agree that vsing his trade he shall bee expulsed this borough.

Jo: Parkins.	Henry Whittell.
Willia' Hertford.	Oliver Hayne.
John Govld.	Edmunde Dashwoode,"

In pursuance of these Constitutions adopted the following year the first meeting of the governing body was held on 25th October, 1621. The minutes of this and subsequent meetings until 6th August, 11 Charles, 1635, are contained in a paper book with parchment cover (C. 6), entitled "A DAIE BOOKE FOR THE COMPANY OF FREEMEN OF THE BOROUGH OF DORCHESTER BEGON THE 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1621."

The first meeting is thus introduced: "Att the calling of a Hall the xxvth day of October, 1625 [? 1621], by the Governor of the Company of Freemen of the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset before John Hill, Governor for this yeare, and before William Jolliff, Bernard Toupe and Diones Bond, three of the Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough, and Robert Coker and Joseph Paty, two of the Assis-

tants of the said Gouvenor, these particulars vnder writen were concluded on."

The proceedings chiefly relate to the admission of freemen, warnings to non-freemen to discontinue the use of their trades, permission to employ journeymen, expulsion of "foreigners," warnings not to intermeddle with other trades, and so forth.

Some of the more interesting entries are as follow :—

7th November, 1621. James James, grocer, when warned to discontinue his trade, "replied to the Governor that he would take no warning at his hands."

23rd January, 1621-2. The beadle "distrayned ij sugar loaves and a barrell of soape of the goodds of James James, a forreignor, for exercising his trade within this Borough contrary to the Constitucion, which goods he ymediately sold to the said James James his owne servant for xxx*s*."

27th March, 1622. "It is agreed that from henceforth euery foreigner that shall be admitted a Freeman shall besids his Fyne pay to the Clerke for his inrollemt xij*d*., and to the Bedle vj*d*. and euery Freeman of the Borough To the Clerke for his inrollemt vj*d*, and to the Bedle iij*d*."

"Alsoe that towards the raising of a Stock to the common purse to mayntayne the privilege of the Company and defray such charge as the company shall haue occasion or think fitt to disburse for the good and benefitt of the Company there shall be henceforth paid quarterlie to the Receiver, to be collected by the Bedle, by euery Freeman that is not a handicrafts man iiij*d*., and by euery free handicrafts man ij*d*."

22nd August, 1622. "Henry Goare, weaver, is now come to Towne and is in house with Nath. Bower. Thomas Bryne inioyned to remove Chafy, a forreigne Tailor, out of his howse."

30th August, 1622. "John Norrington, Sherman, having had distresse taken for contemptuous using his trade heere yet ordered to haue his sheeres againe which were distreyned soe as he bring in an other pledge and yf he forbeare his trade after one moneth from henceforth he shall pay for his contempt but 1*s*."

"M^d^ that by a warrant dated 21 Dec., 1621, beside xxx*s*., formerly levied by the same, Patrochus Cooke levied on James James, which was by a sugar loafe which was sold to his man for ix*s*."

"Also there was by a second warrant levied on the goodds of the same James James viz. 14*li*. 2 *oz*. of callicow pepper

meate at 19d. is j*l*, ijs. sold to Joseph Vnderwood. Warrant dated 5 Marcij, 1621, and by the same warrant levied more on his goods j sugar loafe cont' 10¾*li*. at 12d., j more of 10*li*. 9*oz*., j of 8*li*., j more weighing 8¾*li*., j [*l*] xiiij*s*. x*d*.; sold to Richard Berrie."

18th March, 1623. Freemen forbidden to entertain any person, not a freeman, who shall work at any trade, unless servants or apprentices, on pain of 10s. a month.

Freemen who exercise any trade, etc., to which they have not been apprenticed, and which any other freemen of the Borough may lawfully use, to forfeit 40s. a month.

Action was frequently taken under these rules, *e.g.* :—

14th December, 1624. "Thomas Cossens and John Terrm complayned of for buying and selling of furres to the preiudice of Rob'te Short Furryer, doe now vndertake to vse that dealing no more within the Borough."

20th January, 1624-5. "Robert Roy complained of for buying of Skynes being not [h]is trade pretends his meanes is not sufficient to maintain himselfe and his family: but it is considered off by the next sitting."

"George Way being forewarned to desist selling of Callocowes within this Borough and having had iij monethes warning to desist, it was testified that after the end of the said iij monethes he hath since sold iij peeces of Callocoes to one Mary Harris 5° Januarij, 1624, it is this presente day ordered to pay xl*s*. for euery moneth he contineweth selling of callocoues or linnencloth within this borough from henceforth."

Circa, April, 1625. "It is ordered that xx*l*. of the mony now in purse shall be lent to John Long till Michaelmas and x*l*. more till that tyme to Walter Huet vpon security, each of them with a sufficient suerty, and to pay for it such recompense according to their gaines by it as they in their conscience shall think reasonable."

30th June, 1625. "Lawrence Riton, Cutler, complained of by the Sadlers and by George Holliday for interloping into other mens trades, as namely, for buying and selling of raynes, bridles and spurres, nayles, locks & other things belonging to the trade of an Ironmonger, is this presente day ordered to desist the vse of the trade of an Ironmonger within this borough vntill further consideracion, and afterwardes he hath liberty given him a monethes tyme to dispose of Ironmonger wares."

15th September, 1625. "Lawrence Riton is allowed to

sell all sorts of nailes within this Borough as well as George Holliday."

"John Thomas, a Dutchman, complained against for vsing the trade of a Clockmaker within this Borough is ordered to departe this Towne by Munday next."

2nd September, 1625. "It is agreed that Fifty pownds or a lesse somme, as occasion shall require, shall bee taken out of the generall stock or purse of the Freemen of the said Borough for such vse as a Present for the Kings ma'tie or the right ho'ble the Lord Dukes Grace of Buk: as to the Bailiffs and maior parte of the Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough shalbe thought fitt, and that such somme as shall bee soe taken out shall bee raised vp againe by a rate to bee made for a quarterly payment by all able Freemen of the same Borough, which rate shall contynew till the same mony shall bee againe fully made vp."

9th November, 1625. A meeting of the Governor of the Freemen and of the Capital Burgesses joyned unto him, and the Assistants of the Governor, ordered to be held the first Thursday of every month at 1 p.m., and a general meeting the first Thursday of every month next before every quarter day.

£40 to be lent to the Towne Brewhowse and delivered to Benjamyn Devenish (Dec. 8).

27th September, 1626. "This day Mr Bailiffs the said Governor and Capitall Burgesses and Assistants, fynding the great inconvenience that comes to this Borough and is like farther to come to the tradesmen of the same by the towensmen frequenting of faires and markets abroad in the Country, did move the company of Freemen now assembled at the Townehall vpon a generall warning to forbeare in tyme to come to goe forth to the faires & markets to sell any wares at any place within Forty miles of this Towne. Vnto which mocion all the said Freemen give their consent vnless Mr. Rich: Sauage, Mr. Roger Stevens, & Richard Ryall and Peter Gailerd thelder. And therefore in the presence and by the consent of the Bailiffs and maior parte of the Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough it is this presente day by the said Governor and Capitall Burgesses abouesaid and the said Governors Assistants agreed & ordered, That noe tradesman of this Borough shall at any tyme hereafter frequent or vse any market or faire to sell any wares at any place within Forty miles of this Borough vpon payne for euery tyme that any

tradesman of this Borough shall infringe this order of xs. Tenne shillings."

"It is above agreed that noe merchant adventurer of this Borough dealing on lyncloth shall sell any lynnen cloth at any tyme heerafter but only to mercers and lynnen drapers, vpon payne for euery tyme that any person shall breake the order Tenne shillings."

25th February, 1627-8. "The ho'ble Mr Densill Hollis, second sonne of the Erle of Clare, is admitted a freeman of the said Borough."

The renewing of the charter of the Borough naturally engages the notice of the Company :—

12th June, 1626. "It is agreed that towards the Renewing of the Charter for the said Borough and the inlarging of the liberties and privileges of the Governor and Freemen of the said Borough there shall bee paid ynto that vse by the Receiver of the company of Freemen of the same Borough threescore pownds out of the Freemens mony already in purse; and wheras Mr Bailiff Whiteway hath vndertaken that the Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough shall disburse thirty pownds more to the same vse which will in all make xc*li*, now it is also further ordered that what more mony the said Charter shall cost shall bee raised and made up by a generall rate to bee made and a tax on all the Freemen of the said Borough (the Bailiffs and Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough only excepted)."

18th September, 1629. "It is agreed there shall be Twenty pounds of the Freemens mony paid to the Towne Stewards to be imployed towards the procuring of the Charter of incorporation for the Towne and the Freemen [which is so much lent to be repayd agayne]." These latter words are struck out.

On the next page follow "The names of the first xxiiij of the Common Counsell of the Freemen of the said Borough, as they are named in the Charter." "The first Governor since the Charter of 5 Caroli R's, Mr Iohn Long," and nine "assistants chosen."

The Freemen assembled in the Tounhall, 6th October, 1629, under the presidency of Mr. John Long, the Governor aforesaid, and chose as Assistants to the Governor, Mr. Richard Blachford, Mr. Will. Whiteway, sen., Mr. Dennis Bond, Mr. John Hill, Mr. Will: Derbie, Richard Bury, Joseph Patie, John Coker, Henrie Derbie.

The Governor and Assistants immediately after chose William Derbie to be Clerk, Henry Maber, Receiver, and John Conduit, Beadle. (C. 6.)

The grant of a new Charter to the Borough by Charles I., 22nd September, 1629, by which the inhabitants were created a Body Corporate with a Common Seal, necessitated the passing of some additional constitutions, to regulate the election of the Governor and his Assistants, the holding of the Courts, wearing of Gowns, appointment of a Receiver and the levying of a quarterly rate to be paid by all the Freemen, etc. These new ordinances were as follows (B. 27*b*) :—

Additional Constitutions of the Company of Freemen, made the 22nd October, 1629.

CONSTITUTIONS, Institucions and ordinances made established and agreed vpon the Thirteenth day of October, 1629, and in the Fift yeare of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland King, defender of the faith, &c., By John Longe, Governor of the Company of freemen of the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset, and Will'm Derby, one of the Bailiffes of the said Borough, Richard Blachford, Will'm Whiteway thelder, Dennys Bond and John Hill, Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough, and Joseph Paty, John Coke, Henry Derby* and Richard Bury, all of them Assistants of the said Governor being assembled in the Towne Hall of the said Borough in manner and forme following vizt.

FIRST that the Governor and his Assistants which are to be chosen out of the common counsell shall be for ever heerafter elected and chosen in manner following, viz., The names of the common counsell shall bee writen in two severall papers and two scrutinyes to be made for such choise at one and the same instant for expedicion of the busines, at either of which scrutinyes there shall be presente to see faire cariage therein one of the common counsell and one of the commons, and all the common counsell to give their voyces last of all, in the scrutiny, and if there be equall voyces for choise of

* 26 Sept., 1644. Henrie Derby and Thomas Blachford, two of the Common Counsell of the Governor, Assistants and Freemen of the Borough, having departed, the one living in France the other at Beaminster,—others were chosen in their room. C. 9.

seuerall men either for Governor or Assistant then the presente Governor shall have a casting voyce to decide that difference.

ALSOE that the tymes for the keeping of the Fower generall Courts of the Governor and Assistants shall be as followeth, vizt., the first Thursday after New Yeares day, the first Thursday after the feast of Thanunciacion of the blessed Virgin Mary, the first Thursday after St. James' day, and the first Thursday before the feast of St. Michaell Tharchangell (except for speciall causes the said Governor and Assistants shall by the space of one weeke before any such day appoint the said Courts to be held vpon some other day and of such day shall cause notice to be given to the freemen of the said Borough). And that the Fower speciall or private Courts shall be held at such times as the Governor and his Assistants shall from tyme to tyme appoint.

ALSOE that the Governor shall keep the Eight Courts yearely at the appoynted tymes *sub pena* for every generall Court that he shall omit, xls., and of every speciall Court that he shall omit, xxs., and that the Assistants and Clerke of the Company shall be presente at such Courts from the beginnyng to the end of them *sub pena* for every man making default at any of the generall Courts, xs., and of any of the perticuler Courts, vs., and that every one of the common counsell shall be present at every general Court from the beginnyng to the end thereof vpon paine for every one of them making default, ijs. vj*d.*, and that every freeman that shall be particulerly warned in person by the Beadle of the company by a note vnder the Governors hand to come to any generall or particuler Court shall make his apparence there accordingly vpon paine for every one making default, for his first default, vs., and for his second default, xs., for his third default, xxs., and for his fowerth default, xls., and for his fift default to be disfranchised (except in all the cases aforesaid the party absentinge himselfe shall alledge such a reasonable excuse as shall be allowed of by the Governor & Assistants or the maior parte of them).

ALSOE that the Governor and his Assistants of the common counsell shall every of them haue and make a decent gowne of such an Vniforme forme and fashion as by the Governor & the said Assistants or the maior parte of them shall be agreed on, And that the said Governor shall weare his gowne at every generall Court *sub pena*, xxs., and at every speciall Court, *sub pena*, xs., and that every of his said Assistants shall

weare his gowne at every generall Court *sub pena*, xs., and at every speciall Court *sub pena*, vs.

ALSOE that the Receivor of the said Company shall be chosen at the next speciall Court to be holden after the choise of the Governor and Assistants and at such speciall Court the old Receivor haueinge notice of the tyme of such speciall Court shall give his iust and true accompt to the said Governor and Assistants *sub pena*, xls., and of xls. more for every moneth after vntill he shall give vp such his accompt And that the old Receivor shall pay and deliver vp to the new Receivor all such mony securityes for mony and other thinges belonging to the Incorporacion of the Governor Assistants and freemen as he shall haue in his hands or wherewith he shall be charged by his said accompt. And that the accompt of the Receivor shall be entred into a Booke of accompt and subscribed by the said Governor and Assistants.

ALSOE that the Receivor shall dispose of noe monyes or other thing belonginge to the said Incorporacion but by warrant vnder the hands of the Governor and Assistants for the tyme beinge or the maior parte of them whereof the Governor to be one *sub pena* to make good all such monyes and other thinges as he shall otherwise dispose of and that noe monyes be issued out of the Incorporacion purse for any other cause then for the mayntenance of the previledges of the Incorporacion but by the consent of the maior parte of the said common counsell.

ALSOE that the Receivor shall either himselfe collect or charge the Beadle to collect all such monyes as are to be collected for the said Incorporacion, and shall take accompt of the Beadle of all such monyes as shall be collected by the said Beadle and receive the same of him and bring it in vpon his accompt when he shall give vp his accompt.

ALSOE the Beadle shall collect the monyes appoynted by the Receivor to be collected and deliver in the same to the Receivor within one month after receipt thereof and returne the names to the Receivor of such as shall refuse vpon paine of expulcion.

ALSOE that there shall be for ever heerafter a quarterly rate paid by all free men of the said Borough to the Receivor, vizt., by every tradesmen (except handy craftsmen), vj*d.*, and by every handy craftsman, iiij*d.*, and by every servant or iournyman, ij*d.* And the first quarterly payment to begin to be paid at the feast of St. John Baptist next.

ALSOE that the Governor and Assistants with the consent of the residew of the common counsell or the maior parte of them (whereof the Governor to be one) shall from tyme to tyme make such rates and levy monyes vpon all freemen of the said Borough as they shall thinke necessary for the good of the Incorporacion.

ALSOE that noe freeman or free Inhabitant of the said Borough shall at any tyme heerafter let set or demise any howse or shop or any parte of any howse or shop within this Borough to any person or persons that is not or shall not be a freeman or free inhabitant which shall there vse or exercise any art mistery or manuell occupacion nor shall nor will at any tyme permit or suffer any such person or persons to dwell and inhabit in his howse or shop within the Borough aforesaid as long as such person or persons shall vse or exercise any art, trade, mistery, or manuell occupacion, except on faire or market daies only vpon paine that every person breaking this constitucion shall forfeit and loose for every moneth that he shall so offend, xs. of lawfull mony of England.

This is signed by the persons named at the beginning of the Constitutions, except Henry Derby, and also by Symond Hussle, cler., Robert Coker, Mathew Butler, Thomas Whittell, Richard Williams, Henry Symes, Edw. Dashwood, Henry Maber, Josiah Terry.

A seal, at the side of the document, has disappeared.

To these Constitutions were added a series of Bye-laws without date, but referred to as of 13th October, 1629. (C. 6.)

1. That the Governor and Assistants shall be thus chosen, vizt., the 24 names of the common counsell to be written in two papers and two screwtinies to be made; whereat to be presente one of the 24 and one of the commons, and in the screwtiny the common counsell to give their voyces last & the Governor to have a casting voyce.

2. For the tyme of the 4 generall Courts as shall be agreed vizt., the first Thursday after New Yeares day, the first Thursday after our Lady day, the first Thursday after St. James' Day and the first Thursday before Mich'mas day except it be agreed by the Governor and company adiourned to another day.

3. That the Governor shall keep 3 Courts [the "4" altered into "3"] yearely and appoint one speciall Court betwene every general Court *sub pena* for every speciall Court

omitted xx*s.*, and xl*s.* for the other and for the Assistants and Clerks absence for the speciall v*s.* and x*s.* for the other and for every of the common Counsell besides for absence at the generall Court ij*s.* vj*d.* without reasonable cause, and for every one warned by the Beadle to come, v*s.*, and for the second offence double.

4. That the Governor alwaies at Courts to come to the Hall in a gowne *suppena* every generall Court xx*s.* and v*s* for speciall.

5. That the Assistants alwaies to haue every of them Gownes and soe to come to the Hall and to provide them by the first generall Court paine x*s.*, *pen'* v*s.* after for the generall ij*s.* vj*d.* for speciall Courts vniformes.

6. That the Receivor be chosen at the next private Court after the choise of the Governor and Assistants and then the old Receiver to give vp his accompt to be allowed & subscribed by the Governor and Assistants vpon paine of x*s.* and xl*s.* more for every moneth that he shall neglect it.

7. That the Receivor shall haue all monies deliuered vnto him in purse and all bondes and securityes for money due to the company and this to be entred on the booke of accompt.

8. That the Receivor shall dispose of the monies by warrant vnder the hands of the Governor and Assistants whereof the Governor to be one or of the maior parte of them, *pen'*.

9. That the Receivor shall charge the Beadle to collect all monies to be collected and take the accompt of the Beadles of the quarterly payment and other monies to be received by them.

10. That the Beadle shall collect the monies appoynted by the Receivor and deliuer in the mony collected every moneth to the Receivor and the names of such as shall refuse to pay *pen'* expulcion yet to answeare the mony.

11. A quarterly rate of all free men, viz., all tradesmen except handicrafts men vj*d.* a quarter and all handy crafts men 4d. a quarter and all free men that are servants or enioyned ij*d.* qr.

12. That the Governor and Assistants with the consent of the residew of the 24 of the common counsell or the maior parte of them whereof the Governor to be one shall from tyme to tyme make levyes of such monyes as they shall thinke necessary for the good of the Incorporacion and the Governor & Assistants to make the rates vpon all free men.

The first Particular Court of the Governor, Assistants and Freemen was held on 21st October, 1629, and the first General Court on 7th January, 1629-30. The regulations at once became more strict.

21st October, 1629. "Vpon complaynt of the Shoomakers of this Burough that diuers shoomakers that haue no standings graunted vnto them by the Towne doe bring base ware to this market and sell the same in buy corners, to the great damage of the Shoomakers of the Burough: It is therefore ordered that such interloping shoomakers shall be prohibited to sell any ware in this Borough heerafter, as namely Alexander Bennet, John Paty and Edward Knight of Cerne Abbis."

"William Riall [tailor] having entertayned John Hulett a maried man who hath a wife and a child and likely to bee chargeable to the Towne, is now inioyned to put him off at the end of a fortnight next vpon payne of 6s. 8d. the moneth for all the tyme after that he shall contynue heer."

"Vpon complaynt of the haberdashers of hatts against the Feltmakers for selling felts by retaile: It is ordered that the Feltmakers of this borough shall not henceforth sell felts by retayle vpon payne for euery one that shall break this order for euery offence vs."

7th January, 1629-30. Richard Ryall is named "for his scoffing words against the Governor and Assistants and particularly he said to the Governor that he gave them sweete words but noe performance of it."

"Memorand', it is agreed that the rate agreed on shall stand to raise vp the mony for the Charter by the freemen being 120*li.* by our Lady day next."

Also that euery of the xxiiij shall have and procure Gownes by the next generall Court of the fashion of Mr. Governors *pen'* xs."

1st March, 1629-30. "This day there was opened in the Hall publikely a fardell of goodds which was seised by the Beadles by warrant vnder the seale of the Governor and Assistants for being forreigne bought and forreigne sold which Mr. Josiah Cooth of Shirborne claymes as his owne gooddes, and vpon opening there was found a surplesse and cord wherewith ye fardle was made vp, six halfe peecs of dowlas N°. 41, and 1 q^te^ peece of ¾ dowlas N°. 4, 6 Reames of writing Pott paper market vpon with the pott and flower de Luce: and it is agreed that there it shall remayne in custody vntill it be ordered at the next Court, all the foresaid gooddes except

the sarplesse and coarde and the quarter of dowlas, bicause it is conceived it was bought of a Freeman, Mr James Gould, and therefore that surplesse and coard and quarter peece of cloath is ordered to be deliuered back to Mr. Josiah Cooth."

Thursday after the Annunciation, 1630. "John Rasker for his sawcy caryage to the Governor and Assistants in open Court saying That his estate was advanced by some of the Company and rated to mischeife him and afterwards particularized Mr Joseph Paty, and for this contemptuous cariage is fined x*s*."

2nd June, 1630. "John Colefox, feltmaker, for his contempt in not appearing at the last generall Court being iij tymes sent for was fined at v*s*. and a warrant is now made to distrayne him for the same. Vpon which warrant a felt hat was distrayned, and Henry Symes tooke the band for 5s."

29th July, 1630. "Henry Baily, *alias* Brownsey, being noe freeman but complayned of for vsing the trade of a Sherman in the Towne is warned to desist vpon payne for euery moneth he shall offend heerin xl*s*., but it is permitted to him to worke on the keepers worke only in the prison."

An important step for the better regulation of the tradesmen within the Borough was taken at a Special Court of the Governor, Assistants and Freemen, 24th September, 1630:

"It is agreed by the Court: That the Tradesmen and Handicraftesmen of this Borough shall be divided into five seuerall companies as they are heereafter writen, viz.:

1. *Company of Merchants.*

1. Merchantes.
2. Mercers.
3. Grocers.
4. Haberdashers of small wares.
5. Lynnen drapers.
6. Apothecaries.
7. Bookesellers.
8. Upholsters.
9. Button makers.
10. Barber Surgeons.

2. *Company of Clothiers.*

1. Clothiers.
2. Wollen drapers.
3. Haberdashers of hatts.
4. Weavers.
5. Diers.
6. Tailers.
7. Hosiers.
8. Feltmakers.
9. Clothworkers.
10. Weavers.*
11. Borlers.*

3. *Company of Iremongers.*

1. Iremongers.
2. Gould smythes.
3. Pewterers,
4. Smythes.
5. Cutlers.
6. Plumbers.
7. Gunners.
8. Paynters.
9. Glasiers.
10. Needlemakers.
11. Pynnemakers.
12. Cardemakers.
13. Clockmakers.
14. Brasiers.*
15. Tinkers.*

4. *Company of Fishmongers.*

1. Brewers.
2. Maulters.
3. Bakers.
4. Inholders.
5. Alehowskeepers.
6. Joyners.
7. Carpenters.
8. Vintners.
9. Coopers.
10. Butchers.
11. Cookes.
12. Masons.
13. Helliers.
14. Thatchers.
15. Seviers.
16. Milwrights.
17. Wheeliers.
18. Fishmongers.
19. Fletchers.

5. *Company of Shoomakers and Skinners.*

1. Shoomakers.
2. Tanners.
3. Glovers.
4. Chaindlers.
5. Skynners.
6. Furriers.
7. Poyntmakers.
8. Parchment makers.
9. Sadlers.
10. Curriers.
11. Pursemakers.
12. Coller makers.
13. Ropers.

"It is agreed that there shall bee a Warden chosen yearely of every of the said Five Companies for that Company with whome he is chosen and ranked out of any of the Freemen except the Capitall Burgesses and except the presente Governor and Assistants."

On 21st October, 1630, before the Governor and Assistants the following Wardens were chosen for the Five Companies, viz., 1, Mr. Henry Derby; 2, Mr. Joseph Paty; 3, Mr. Robert Coker; 4, Mathew Bonger; 5, Robert Laurence, and the following order was made—

* These are later additions.

"It is also agreed on by the Governor and Assistants aforesaid at the meeting aforesaid That the said wardens shall give their attendance at every of the Governor's Court held this whole yeere. And that they shall enquire of all oppressions and abuses in tradeing within the compasse of their Warde either by Forraigners or by Freemen, and that they receive all just informacions of wronges done in this kinde to anie of their Wards and do informe the same: and d' d^r [deliver] the same in writeing to the Governor at every of the next Courtes holden after knowledge or informacion received or had of anie oppressions or abuses aforesaid and do prosecute the said informacions vntill the same be reformed as farre forth as it may be."

4th November, 1630. "It is agreed that the Governor and all his Assistants as well of the Capitall Burgesses as of the Common Counsell shall come to the next generall Court in their gownes vpon paine to haue the penalty in the Constitucion levied without any remission."

7th January, 1630-1. "Clothworkers. It is agreed that Henry Bridges being noe freeman shall keep but iij apprentizes and one iourny man, and James Dennys being noe freeman shall kepe but one iourny man and one apprentice till the next Court vpon payne never to [be] admitted freeman, and the clothiers are desired to consider against the next Court whether it will be fitt to admit the said Bridges and Dennys, or either of them, and then it shall be peremptorily concluded for or against them." [They were not admitted.]

16th June, 1631. "Upon long debating of the difference betwene the glovers of the Towne, viz., John Baylam, Hugh Buckland, John Bartlet and William Banks, and Richard Gurd, Poyntemaker. That whereas the said Richard hath heeretofore and to this tyme intruded on the glovers trade by selling of gloves, and the said glovers have complayned for the same, It is now by the consent and agreement of each side ordered, That the said glovers shall thes day give to the said Richard Gurd money for all his gloves and glovers ware which he now hath at the price that the said Richard Gurd paid for the same, And that the said Richard Gurd shall not henceforth vse or exercise any part of the trade or a glover or seller of gloves within thes Borough, or of any made ware with leather, except poynts and whole skyns to sell at whole sale or by retaile."

21st September, 1631. The quarterly payments for the benefit of the Company, ordered to be paid, 13th October, 1629, at the rate of 6d. for every tradesman, not a handicraftsman, 3d. for every handicraftsman, 2d. for every servant or journeyman, are now reduced one half.

8th March, 1631-2. "Whereas it is formerly ordered by a Constitution that the Governor and his Assistants should make vniforme gownes and weare them at the Courts, which Constitucion hath hitherto ben by most men neglected; Vpon a thorough debate this day by the Governor, Assistants and Common Counsell present, it is agreed that all former neclects in that respect shall bee passed by. But that for all tymes to come after the next generall Court the said Constitucion shall bee inviolably observed, and the forme and color of those gownes are agreed on, viz., to bee of a sad russet and the facing to bee of velvet and the fashion to bee such as the now Governor's gowne is. Yet bicause Mr. Coke and Mr. Berry haue provided gownes of other formes they are not by thes order to bee bownd to alter them."

13th December, 1632. "William Bampfeild whoe is newly come to this Towne, and hath set vp the trade or art of a barber, is inioyned to desist upon paine of 40s. for every moneth that he shall vse his trade heere."

13th September, 1633. "It is agreed that the forme of the Gownes wherein the Governor and Assistants of the Common Counsell shall come to the Courtes shall bee of a sad color and faced with ffurre, And that they shall come to the Courts euery of them in their gownes at euery Court henceforth according to the Constitucion vnder seale vpon paines in the Constitucion."

"It is agreed vpon by Mr Governor and his Assistants of the Common Counsell whose names are subscribed that from henceforth euery Governor shall once in the yeare, viz. on the day of his last Court, entertaine all the Assistants and Common Counsell at a dynner, and thee meeting at dynner at the Inne to cease from henceforth."

26th September, 1633. John Balam fined 5s. for using contemptuous words against the Governor and Assistants, saying that "he was ledd along like a calfe by the eare."

27th March, 1634. "Upon the mocion of Mr William Derby, one of the Assistants of the Governor, it is agreed that Christofer Derby, gent., shall haue liberty to take his sonne

Wm Derby his mercers shopp heere in Dorchester, and by himselfe and his servants keep that mercers shopp and sell mercery wares only in Dorchester for two yeares from Easter next for the Fyne of xls."

10th April, 1634. "John Elford, Tallow Chaundler, of Chetnole, desiring to be admitted a Freeman and to vse his trade heere by his children and servants, but refuseth to come to thes Toune to inhabit here constantly as a Townesman Mr. Governour and iij of his Assistants did consent there vnto and iiij of the Assistants dissented, and therefore it is referred to Mr. Maior and Capital Burgesses to decide the difference." [He was admitted.]

September, 1634. "It is agreed that the Grand Jury chamber with the consent of Mr. Maior and his brethren shall bee fitted vp for a Court howse for Mr. Governor and his Assistants, and the Shirehall paved with freestone betwene Court barre and barre at the charge of the Common purse of the Governor, Assistants and Freemen for a common walke for the Townesmen of this Borough."

21st May, 11 Charles [1635]. A pewter bason, 3 small pewter pottingers, a brasse chafer, a gilded case with barber's instruments, "prized at xviijs.," taken by distress from William Bampfeild, for using the trade of a barber, not being a freeman.

6th August, 11 Charles [1635]. "Thomas Hiatt, Christofer Way. It is ordered that they being Assistants of the Governor, coming to Court without their gownes thes day, shall be distrayned for xs. a peece according to the constitucion."

Two other notes are worth extracting from another Minute Book (C. 12) :—

2nd November, 1655. "It was ordered & agreed that leave bee granted to John Moon of Pudletowne, scrivener, to come to this towne freely without any interruption from this Company, and to exercise his faculty in writing and teaching to write all such youths and others which shall bee willing to bee taught."

17th February, 1649-50. "This day one John Wood of Charmister, Labourer, was questioned for intending to liue in this Towne, which he denyeth, and promiseth to leave the Towne whether he marryeth the mayd with whome he is in league or no."

"THE RECEUERS BOOKE FOR THE COMPANY OF FREEMEN MADE YE XXTH OF JANUARY, 1652." (C. 14*a*.)

This is a book of receipts and expenditure of the Company of Freemen, beginning 20th January, 1652 (for years 1646-99), and ending 4th February, 1716.* Forty-seven leaves are occupied, being less than half the book. At the other end one page contains four receipts for payments of salaries, etc., 1672-3.

The accounts contain very little of interest. The receipts relate to moneys taken from persons admitted Freemen, with an occasional fine, the expenditure to the payment of salaries to the Clerk, £2, the two Sergeants, £1 each, and the Beadle, 5 shillings. The sums dealt with are therefore small.

The following are some occasional expenses :—

	£	s.	d.
1660. 10th May, "Beeing the day that Kinge Charles the Second was proclaymed there was given to the poore of the Towne by order of Mr Governor and Common Councill.. ..	2	0	0
1661. To money paid at the Coronation of the Kinge, per order of the Governor and Company 20 sh. unto the poore of each parish.. ..	3	0	0
To money gave the Ringers, per order ..		5	0
1669. Lost in brasse mony received		2	0
1675. More to Mr. Derby, beeing Clerk, for enrolling the Charter and Constitutions of this Court in parchment		15	0
1676. To mony paid for a cheste		9	0
To mony paid Mr. Cossins for 3 Locks & keys and 12 Gymies		6	6
1689. Samuel Bray, beadel, "also craves an allowance for what was expended on the proclaymeing of King William and Queen Mary"	5	4	0
There was paid for the writ against Mr. Cardrow by order of Court		7	0
There was paid for transcribeing parte of the charter		10	0

* Except for the first few years, it is not stated expressly that the sums received are for admission to freedom.

1701-2. Paid to the present Governor, being the expences of this Company on the last day of Thanksgiving for her Maj'ties successe att Sea and Land against her Enemies 7 10 0

The Minute Book (C. 23) is a folio paper volume of many leaves, bound in limp parchment, and bearing on the cover the words, "THE BOROUGH OF DORCHESTER, A° 1698." It begins with the Freeman's Oath, after which commence the minutes of the Courts of Governor, Assistants and Freemen of the Borough, 5th January, 1698-9, to 12th May, 1718, but one or two years are unrecorded. Rather less than half the book is occupied, the remainder being blank. Beyond the lists of the Assistants, Common Council, and five Wardens of the Trading Companies, the admission of Freemen, and enrolment of Apprentices, there is little to excite remark. It was the custom to elect the retiring Governor to the office of Receiver. In several cases fines are inflicted for trading without admission to the freedom, and for neglect of enrolment of apprentices. Robert Loder acts as Clerk to the Company till 19th November, 1711, when his place is taken by Robert Colson.

GOVERNORS OF THE COMPANY OF FREEMEN.

This list, which is not perfect, is compiled from Minute Books C. 7, C. 9, C. 14*a*, C. 23, C. 27, C. 28, and from one certificate of election, 1749 (B. 49), and five others, 1766-1824 (B. 50). On 7th January, 1685, is a minute relating to "Mr. John Cardrow the late Governor whoe is according to the custome elected Receiver of the Company for the yeare ensueing."

1621. John Hill.
1622. John Blachford.
1623. Joseph Patie.
1624. William Whiteway, jun.
1625. John Coke.
1626. Henry Derby.
1627. John Long.
1628. Richard Bury.
1629. John Long. First Governor under the Charter of Charles I.
1630. John Coke.
1631. Joseph Patye.
1632. Henry Maber.
1633. Edward Dashwood.
1634. Robert Coker.
1637. John Dashwood.
1646. John Long.
1647. Thomas Symonds.
1648. Philip Stansby.
1651. Lawrence Righton.
1652. Philip Stansby.
1653. Thomas Clench.
1654. Arthur Gould.
1655. William Pitt.
1656. William White.

1657. Joseph Seaward.
1658. Benjamin Gould.
1659. Joseph Whittell.
1660. William Poldon.
1662. Henry Symes.
1664. Robert Lillington.
1665. John Oldis.
1666. William Hardy.
1667. Thomas Seward.
1668. Walter Hewett.
1669. Thomas Blandford.
1670. Daniel Arden.
1671. John Symonds.
1672. — Chapman.
1673. Josiah Wyer.
1674. Robert Cossins.
1675. Charles Stoodly.
1676. Thomas Bedford.
1679. Maximilian Gollop.
1681. Edward Dashwood.
1683. John Nelson.
1684. John Cardrow.
1685. Richard Cooper.
1686. Daniel Arden.
1687. Hugh Crode.
1688. Edward Lester.
1689. Thomas Atkins.
1690. John Gaylard.
1691. Joseph Gould.
1692. Francis Gaylard.
1693. Robert Pope.
1694. Bartholomew Hoare.
1695. William Dry.
1696. John Long.
1697. John Clapcott Jan.
1698. Robert Bunn. Jan.
1699. Thomas Knapton. Jan.
1700. Robert Swaffeild. Dec.
1701. Josiah Cooper. Nov.
1702. Joshuah Snooke. Nov.
1703. Matthew Hilson. Dec.
1704. Samuel Snooke. Jan.
1705. Nicholas Warren. Nov.
1706. Robert Gundry. Jan.
1707. Isaac Williams. Oct.
1708. William Turner. Nov.
1709. Sebastian Hunt. Oct.
1710. Robert Gaylard. Nov.
1711. John Kellaway. Nov.
1712. Francis Hamlyn. Nov.
1713. John Brine. Nov.
1714. John Batten. Oct.
1715. Thomas Gape. Dec.
1715-6. Joshua Snooke. Feb.
1717. Matthew Hilson. May.
1718. Samuel Snooke.
1719. Sebastian Hunt.
1720. Joshua Snooke, and three following years.
1725. John Brine, gent.
1727. Thomas Gape, gent., and six following years.
1734. John Bryne. Sept. 30.
1736. John Bryne, gent. Oct. 4, and three following years.
1740. Mr. Emanuel Chapman. Oct. 6, and nine following years.*
1749-50. John White. Jan. 24.
1750. John White. Oct. 1. and fifteen following years.
1766. George Stickland. Aug. 27, and until Oct. 5, 1801.
1801. George Stickland, jun., gent., his son. Oct, 5, and until Oct. 3, 1814.
1814. Nathaniel Stickland, gent. Oct. 3.
1815. Nathaniel Stickland, gent. Oct. 2.
1816. George Stickland, gent. Sept. 30, and until *circa* Feb. 12, 1824.
1824. Christopher Arden, gent. Feb. 12, until Oct. 4, 1824.
1824. Joseph Stone, gent. Oct. 4, and annually until Oct. 6, 1834, when he was elected for the last time, and had no successor.

* Emanuel Chapman died in office, and John White was elected 24th January, 1749-50 (*see* B. 49). George Stickland was elected 27th August, 1766, *vice* John White, deceased, and Christopher Arden, 12th February, 1824, *vice* George Stickland, deceased (B. 50). These long terms of office suggest that the post had become a sinecure.

THE INROLMENT OF THE APPRENTICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF DORCHESTER BEGON 4 APRILIS, 1622. C. 6.

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
1618, 16 Sept.	John Marler	Tobie M., clerk	John Coke, of D...	merchant	7
1620, 30 Nov.	Henry Smith	Henry S., clerk, decd...	John Coke, of D...	merchant	9
1621, 6 Oct.	George Porter	Rd. P., of Abbotsbury	Roger Stevens, of D.	wollen draper	8
16 Jac., 23 Dec.	Thomas Keane	Wm. K., of Pitminster	John Hill, of D.	merchant	7
1613, 2 July	Jasper Arnold	Henry A., decd.	Robert Coker, of D.	gouldsmyth	10
15 Jac., 1 Nov.	John Galler	Thos. G., of Bloxworth	Hugh Gape, of D.	weaver	7
14 Jac., 1 Jan.	John Boise	John B., of Shepton Gorge	Wm. Dry, of D.	tailor	7
16 Jac., 24 June	Wm. Deane	John D., of Netherbury	Henry Symes, of D.	mercer	7
17 Jac., 5 Oct.	Thos. Frie	Thomas Fry, of Lye, gent.	John Melage, of D.	grocer	8
19 Jac., 27 Nov.	Thos. Hussey	Joseph H., of Stower Payne, gent.	Edw. Dashwood	clothier	7
16 Jac., 24 June	Edw. Collier	of Pidle Trenthide	Robt. Osborne, of D.	clothier	7
18 Jac., 24 Dec.	Geo. Cleeves	Robt. C., of Combe Canes	Robt. Osborne, of D.	clothier	7
17 Jac., 7 Feb.	Henrie Gifford	Eme G., widow, Trin. p., D...	Robt. Osborne, of D.	clothier	until 24
1620, 25 June	Roger Bishop		Andr. Spratling, of D.	feltmaker	7
17 Jac., 1 Apr.	Geo. Gould	Geo. G., of East Ogwell	Geo. Gould, of D.	clothier	8
16 Jac., 21 Sept.	John Harbin	Percivall H., of Broadford Peverell	Joseph Vnderwood, of D.	grocer	12
12 Jac., 29 Sept.	Hugh Phillippes	Daniell P., of Shirborne	Joseph Vnderwood, of D.	grocer	8
17 Jac., 1 Feb.	Joseph Tailor	Wm. T., of D.	Rd. Goode	wollen weaver	10

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
18 Jac., 11 Feb. ..	John Painter ..	Wm. P., of Shrotone	John Ridworth, of D. ..	weaver	7
1622, 9 Apr. ..	Thos. Burd, as wollen weaver	Thos. B., decd., Coliton, Devon	John Dale, of D.	clothier	8
18 Jac., 18 Apr. ..	Thos. Adams ..	Thos. A., Wotton Glandfield..	John Dale, of D.	clothier	7
1616, 24 June ..	Christofer Jacob ..	Wm. J., Brockampton ..	Philip Nicholles, of D. ..	tailor	7
18 Jan., 1 May ..	Leonard Hurding ..	John H., Ashley	Rd. Oldish, of D... ..	shoomaker ..	7
14 Jac., 11 Nov. ..	Edw. Streete ..		John Watercomb ..		7
15 Jac., 10 Nov. ..	Edw. Streete ..		John Colfox		
20 Jac., 3 Jan. ..	Rd. Wattes	Rd. W., of D., mason.. ..	his father	mason	8
18 Jac., 2 Sept. ..	Edmond Wattes ..	Rd. W., of D., mason.. ..	his father	mason	7
23 Jac., 4 July ..	Wm. Goodfellow ..	Margaret G.	Fras. Bankes	glover	till 24
18 Jac., 20 Apr. ..	John Loder	Robt. L., Husselbury Bryant	Philip Nicholls, of D. ..	tailor	7
22 Jac., 12 Apr. ..	Nich. Bonger ..	Thos. B., Toller Porcorum ..	Edw. Dashwood, of D. ..	clothier	8
20 Jac., 25 Mch. ..	John Holman ..	Morgane H., late of Barwick, gent.	Wm. Jolliffe, of D. ..	wollendraper ..	8
1 Car., 25 Mch. ..	John Russell ..	Henry R., of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, merchant	Thomas Hiatt, of D. ..	mercer	7
1624, 29 Sept. ..	John Guppie ..	Edith G., of Lyme Regis, widow	Thomas Hiat, of D. ..	mercer	8
— Car., 6 June ..	John Daniell ..	Wm. D., East Coker	Jos. Vnderwood, of D. ..	grocer	8
1 Car., 6 Aug. ..	Wm. Flavell.. ..	John F., Calleton, Devon ..	John Coke, of D. ..	mercer	7
1616, 29 May ..	Arthur Holman ..	Wm. H., Weymouth and M.R.	Mr. John Gould		8
1 Car., 20 Aug. ..	John Garrett ..	Wm. G., Shaston	Rd. Gourd, of D.	poyntmaker ..	7
18 Jac., 15 June ..	Geo. Collins	son-in-law of Thos. Comber, of Chetnoll	John Gardner, of D. ..	clothier	8

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
19 Jac., 10 Sept.	Erasmus Baker	David B., Godmaston	John Gardner, of D.		9
2 Car., 8 Jan.	Wm. Burden	Nich. B., Bradford, Dorset	Wm. Dry, of D.	tailor	7
21 Jac., 23 Oct.	Wm. Parke, jun.	Corscombe, Dorset	Wm. Parke, sen.	wollen weaver	7
3 Car., 24 Mch.	Tho. Vocomb		Robt. George	gunsmyth	7
1 Car., 25 Mch.	John Welles	Mary W., widow	Thos. Symonds	grosser	7
1617, 11 Oct.	Geo. Membry	Geo. Membry	John Long	barber	10
1622, 24 June	John Roll		John Colefox		7
1627, 20 Apr.	Mathew Miller	Leonard M.	John Cooke	mercer	8
18 Jac., 17 Apr.	Gregory Lamort	Ro L., Puddletowne	John Pollerd	tailor	8
3 Car., 25 Sept.	Gregory Way	John W., Axminster	Andr. Spratling	feltmaker	8
1 Car., 10 Feb.	Geo. Martyn	Robt. M., of D.	Andrew Spratling and Joan, his wife	feltmaker	8
5 Car., 1 Nov.	Wm. Yongs	of Toller Porcorum	Edw. Streate and Joan, his wife	feltmaker	7
5 Car., 13 Apr.	Thos. Panchen	Leonard P.	Edw. Streate and Joan, his wife	feltmaker	7
	John Marsh				
5 Car., 30 Sept.	Philip Stansby	Philip S.	Rd. Bury		8
2 Car., 30 Jan.	Henrye Crab	Henry Crab	Mr. Rd. Bury		8
18 Jac., 25 Aug.	Tho. Evans	Widow Evans	Mr. Rd. Bury		10
20 Jac., 10 Aug.	Wm. Derbie	Christofer Derby, gent.	Henry Derby	mercer	8
5 Car., 5 Apr.	Ralph Pumery	Leonard P., Lyme	Ralph Whitlock	joyner	11
2 Car., 11 Sept.	John Milles	Christofer M., Manson	Henry Symes and Sarah, his wife	mercer	7

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
1626, 3 Aug.	Rd. Haviland	Elizth. H., of Wilkswood, in p. of Langton, wid.	John Stevens	mercer	8
2 Car., 1 Apr.	John Longe	John L., of D., bookseller	his father	bookseller	7
1620, 20 July	Will. Butler	Mathew Butler	his father	shoomaker	7
5 Car., 1 Nov.	Gilbert Wiffen	Elizth. W., of Hilfeild, wid.	Henry Maber	clothier	8
1629, 2 Feb.	John Lilly	Rd. L., Crookhorne, husbandman	Christofer Conway		8
5 Car., 25 Mch.	John Moores	Robt. M., decd.	Anthony New	hellier	8
8 Car., 24 June	Cornelius Pitt	Elizth. Pitt, wid.	Wm. Riall	tailor	10
5 Car., 25 July	John Paple	David P., Cerne Abbis	Wm. Riall	tailor	7
2 Car., 20 Sept.	Nich. Bailon		John Baylon	felmonger	7
3 Car., 2 Sept.	Will. Browning	John B., Litchet Minster	John Bailand	glover	8
1627, 24 June	Richard Ash	of Fordington	Wm. Gapper	fuller	8
6 Car., 28 Sept.	Geo. Gillett	Katherine G., wid., of Mosterton	Wm. Gapper	fuller	7
1632, 9 Apr.	Edw. Ford, *alias* Symes, now enrolled,	of Loder	Jo. Allambrigg		
		having served out his time.			
1631, 24 Sept.	Rd. Browne	Alex. B., decd.	Robt. Napper, of D.	haberdasher	10
1631, 10 Oct.	John Michell	Christofer M., yeoman	Edw. Dashwood	clothier	7
22 Jac., 2 Feb.	Joseph Stacy		Robt. Bishop	cooper	7
1624, 30 Apr.	Gifford Bale	Jas. Bale, Esq.	Amias and Joshua Martyn	mercer	7
3 Car., 2 June	Will. Parsons	Margaret P., of Sturminster Newton, wid.	Mathew Butler	shoomaker	9

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
5 Car., 18 Oct. ..	Henry Densloe, *alias* Baily	Robte. D., *alias* B., of Bridport	Mathew Butler	shoemaker	7
21 Jac., 13 Oct. ..	Jasper Oldish ..	Henry O., Yetminster ..	Mathew Butler	shoemaker	9
6 Car., 20 Dec. ..	Mathew Newman ..	Geo. N., Bristol, haberdasher	Josiah Terry	haberdasher	7
5 Car., 6 Oct. ..	Mathew Brag ..	Edw. Brag, Stoak Wake, yeoman	Thos. Symonds	grocer	7
1632, 29 May ..	John Hooker ..	Mary H., Redridge, co. South., wid.	Thos. Symonds	grocer	8
4 Car., 24 Feb. ..	Stephen Gould ..	Henry G., Wynsham, draper..	Rd. Churchill	woollen draper.. ..	7
6 Car., 9 July ..	John Strode.. ..	Geo. S., Wimborne Mynster, Esq.	John Stevens	mercer	8
8 Car., 25 June ..	Wm. White	Anne White, wid.	Rd. Bury..	grocer	8
6 Car., 4 Mch. ..	Leonard Gailerd ..		Wm. Othrie	feltmaker	7
2 Car., 24 Nov. ..	Wm. Jeanes		Wm. Othry	feltmaker	7
5 Car., 1 Mch. ..	Richard Derbie ..		Wm. Derby	mercer	7
8 Car., 29 June ..	Wm. Collins.. ..		Wm. Derby	mercer	8
7 Car., 22 Mch. ..	John Newman ..	John N., decd...	Thos. Hiat, of D. ..	mercer	8
1 Car., 6 Dec. ..	Fras. Dashwood ..	Edm. D., mercer	John Blachford, of D. ..	merchant	8
22 Jac., 2 Feb. ..	John Colefox ..	Wm. Colefox	John Colefox, of D. ..	feltmaker	8
1 Car., 30 Nov. ..	Nicholas Symes ..	Nich. Symes	Wm. Davys	painter	7
2 Car., 8 July ..	John Lavor	John Lavor	Mr. Wm. Joliff	wollen draper ..	10
9 Car., 29 July ..	Anthony Roberts ..	Jasper R., Thorneford, yeoman	Jas. Dennes	cloth worker ..	7
1631, 24 Dec. ..	Beniamyn Gould ..	Elizth. G., of D., wid... ..	Wm. Gapper	clothworker	7

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
8 Car., 29 Sept. ..	Geo. Panchard, jun.		Joseph Cuff	barber	8
22 Jac., 15 Nov. ..	Nathaniell Cooth ..		John Cooth, of D. ..	merchant	7
9 Car., 27 Dec. ..	Giles Marsh	Giles M., Yeavell	Jas. Dennis	clothworker	7
2 Car., 7 June ..	Rd. Rogers	Rd. R., Iberton	Mr. Rd. Savage	wollen draper ..	8
8 Car., 24 June ..	Jas. Cornish.. ..	Gabriell C., Weymouth ..	Mr. Rd. Savage	wollen draper ..	8
1633, 21 Feb. ..	Thos. Parsons ..	Wm. P., Sturminster Newton Castle	Mathew Butler, of D. ..	shoemaker	8
9 Car., 29 Sept. ..	John Gillingame ..	Rd. G., Lynnington, clerke ..	Mr. John Dashwood ..	mercer	8
9 Car., 20 Jan. ..	John Cossens ..	Rd. C., Fordington, tailer ..	Raph Whitlock	ioyner	7
9 Car., 9 Jan. ..	Jasper Samwaies ..	Rd. S., clerke, decd.	Mr. Rd. Bury	grocer	10
10 Car., 26 Dec. ..	Thos. Williams ..	Alice W., wid.	Peter Peeke	clothworker ..	7
1633, 1 Jan. ..	Peter Knowler ..	Peter K., sen., Maiden Newton	Peter Peeke	clothworker	7
1629, 20 March ..	John Wood	Anthony W.	Wm. Allen, of Bincomb..	yeoman	8 yrs. & a coven yeare
10 Car., 20 Sept. ..	Edwd. Dashwood ..	Edwd. D., of D., merchant ..	his father		7
1634, 9 May ..	John Hutton ..	Raph H., decd.	Edwd. Dashwood, sen. ..	merchant	till 24
1635, 13 Apr. ..	Mathew Combe ..	Henry C., of Toller Royall, Somerset, clerke	Rd. Churchill, of D. ..	wollen draper ..	—
7 Car., 24 Dec. ..	Nicholas Maio ..	Nicholas Mayo, decd. ..	Mr. Henry Maber ..	clothier	8
10 Car., 25 June ..	Wm. Croade.. ..	Joane C., wid.	Mr. Henry Maber ..	clothier	9
8 Car., 8 Dec. ..	Robert Walkeden ..	with the consent of his friends	Mr. John Cooke, of D. ..	mercer	7
4 Car., 24 June ..	Rd. White	John White	Mr. John Allambrig ..	clothier	7

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
1630, 20 June ..	Robt. Harvy ..	Wm. Harvy	Edw. Brag	wollendraper ..	8
———	Geo. Little	Wm. Little	Mr. Geo. Cole	merchant	8
13 Car., 24 Aug. ..	Edw. Lynch ..	Samuel Lynch..	Edw. Dashwood	merchant	7
11 Car., 29 Sept. ..	Nicholas Fooke ..	Wm. Fooke	Wm. Othry	feltmaker	7
14 Car., 10 Apr. ..	Thos. Devenish ..	John Devenish	Wm. Othry	feltmaker	7
1640, 21 Apr. ..	Elias Nicholles ..	John N., Bridport	Sam. White	gouldsmith	10
16 Car., 2 Feb. ..	Joshuah Hardy ..	John Hardy	Christofer Way, of D. ..	hosier	9
15 Car., 6 Jan. ..	Fras. Fippot.. ..	Anne F., wid.	John Torrington	clothworker	till 24
16 Car., 21 Mch. ..	Christopher Mogg ..	of Upton Lovell, Wilts ..	Raph Whitelock.. ..	joyner	7
1654, 20 Mch ..	Wm. White	Wm. W., sen., Frampton ..	John Russell, of D. ..	taylor	7
1655, 21 Jan. ..	Joseph Pride ..	Margaret P., wid., Shaston ..	Wm. Clarke . ..	drawer	10
1656, 29 May ..	Abraham Templeman	Peter T., Weymouth and Melcombe Regis	Mr. Josiah Terry.. ..	haberdasher of hatts	10
1659, 16 May ..	Symon Eyre ..	Robt. E., Osmington, yeoman	Rd. Atkins	appothecary ..	7
12 Car. II., 30 July	Wm. Bun	Wm. Bun, Forthington, yeoman	Mr. Thomas Symonds ..	grocerer	8
12 Car. II., 2 July..	John Gollop.. ..	Thos. G., Holwell, Somt., gent.	Mr. Wm. Twisse	mercer	7
1658, 30 Dec. ..	John Bedford ..	John Bedford	Samuell White	goldsmith	8
25 —— ..	Wm. Coker	John C., of Mapowder, gent...	Samuell Symes	mercer	7
1665, 17 July ..	Samuell Mory ..				
1666, 11 May ..	Dennis Milward ..	Sarah M., of Almesford Parke, Somt., wid.	Hugh Baker	mercer	7
1666, 29 Sept. ..	Edward Drake ..	Augustin D., decd.	Mr. John Cole	merchant	7
1660, 17 Dec. ..	Robert Cleeves ..	John C., of St. Peter's, D., labourer	Nath. Cooke	shoemaker (B. 44) ..	

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
1662, 3 May ..	William Coleman ..		Israell Sheppard, of D. ..	weaver (B. 44) ..	
1663, 9 Mch. ..	William Parker, of D.		Maximilian Gollop, of D.	merchant (B. 44) ..	9*
1663, 9 Mch. ..	William Cleeves, of D.		To the same	merchant (B. 44) ..	8
1664, 17 Aug. ..	Alex. Sherrington ..	Alex. S., of D., weaver ..	John Reynolds, of D. ..	thatcher (B. 44) ..	
1664, 1 Oct. ..	Thos. Norris ..	Hamnet N., late of D., miller..	Joseph Foy, of Ockford Shilling, & Eleanor, his wife	fuller (B. 44) ..	
1664, 3 Feb. ..	Jonathan Fippot ..	Francis Phippott, of D., decd.	Robt. Fippet, of D. ..	cobbler (B. 44) ..	until 24
1666, 16 Nov. ..	John Bryne	John B., of D., decd.	James Gould, of D. ..	blacksmith (B. 35*a*)..	
1698-9, 5 Jan. ..	John Tompkins ..		Mr. Chas. Coven	innholder	†
1699-1700, 4 Jan...	William Bryer ..		John White	taylor	
1699-1700, 4 Jan...	Robert Cosens ..		Thos. Evomy	joyner	
1699-1700, 4 Jan...	Robert Welch ..		Francis Wadman ..	barber	
1700, 26 Sept. ..	John Bellman ..	Wm. Bellman, cordwinder ..			
1700, 26 Sept. ..	George Clyne ..	Edw. Clyne, butcher			
1700-1, 7 Jan. ..	Thomas North ..		Robert Swaffeild	shoemaker	
1701-2, 8 Jan. ..	Richard Gillett ..	Ricuard Gillett	Richard Dowle		
1702, 4 June ..	Thomas Tonnson ..	Ralph T., of Upway	Anthony Read	baker	
1702, 24 Sept. ..	John Drake	Thomas D., of Moreton ..	Joshua Snooke	blacksmith ..	

* William Parker is bound "to serve his said Master or his assignes in New England in America from 25th of March next [1664] for 9 years." B. 44 and B. 35*a* are indentures of apprenticeship or bonds.

† This and the following entries are contained in C. 23.

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
1702, 24 Sept.	George Bartlett	John B., of D., labourer	John Seager	cordwinder	
1702-3, 7 Jan.	Samuel Meader		Chas. Meader, his brother	milwright	
1702-3, 4 Mch.	Bernard Hamlyn	Francis H., of D., innholder	Francis Wadman	barber	
1703, 23 Sept.	Edward Mayo	of Alweston, Dorset	John Seager	shoemaker	
1703, 23 Sept.	George Cooper	Thos. C., gent.	Robt. Bunn	grocer	
1703, 23 Sept.	James Keate	Rd. K., of Winterborne Monkton, Dorset	John Morey	barber	
1703, 23 Sept.	Palmer Bishop		John Lester	cordwinder	
1703-4, 6 Jan.	Nich. & Eliz. Weare	Robt. Weare	Said R.W., and Wm., his son		
1704-5, 4 Jan.	Andrew Little	Andrew L., of Shaston	Jas. Woodsford	sadler	7
1704-5, 4 Jan.	Edward Satchell	John S., of Came, labourer	John Hellard	carpenter	7
1705, 3 Nov.	Stephen Clarke	Mary C., wid.	Wm. and Robt. Arnold		
1705, 3 Nov.	James Togood	of Frampton	Said Robt. Arnold	shoemaker	
1706-7, 2 Jan.	William Dowle	Wm. D., of Fordington, decd.	Richard Dowle	cordwinder	
1706-7, 2 Jan.	Josias Mocher	Robert Mocher, cordwinder			
1707, 25 Sept.	Ralph Norman	James Norman	Richard Howe	clockmaker	
1707, 25 Sept.	William Belman	William Belman	his father	shoemaker	
1707, 25 Sept.	James Hilson	Mathew Hilson, feltmaker	his father		
1707, 6 Oct.	Stephen Hounsell		Cornelius Gawler	victualler	
1707-8, 8 Jan.	Thomas Channing	Thos. C., of Evershot, mercer, decd.	John Morey	barber	
1707-8, 8 Jan.	Clement Cole	John C., glover, decd.	Robert Mocher	shoemaker	

WHEN BOUND.	NAME OF APPRENTICE.	FATHER'S NAME, ETC.	MASTER.	TRADE.	YEARS.
1707-8, 8 Jan.	William Holt	William Holt	Wm. Belman	shoemaker	
1707-8, 8 Jan.	John Roberts	Wm. R., of Fordington, wheelier	Sam. Hewett	barber	
1707-8, 8 Jan.	William Hewlett	William Hewlett	Richard Dowle	shoemaker	
1707-8, 8 Jan.	James Drayton	Wm. D., of Ower Moigne, decd.	Charles Coven	innholder	
1708, 23 Sept.	Robert Locke	John Locke	Charles Young	barber	
1708, 23 Sept.	Thomas Elmer	Thomas E., decd,	John Seager	shoemaker	
1709, 26 Sept.	Gabriell Gould	John G., of D., schoolemaster	Jonathan Scutt	tayler	
1709-10, 5 Jan.	John Pearce	Edw. P., of Munckton	John Ward	grocer	
1709-10, 5 Jan.	John Peirce	John P., of Fordington	Wm. Bellman	cordwinder	
1710, 27 Sept.	George Lillington		Robert Bunn	grocer	
1710-11, 4 Jan.	Lawrence Sheppard	George S., decd.	Wm. Becke	glazier	
1711, 28 Sept.	William Barnes		James Keate	barber	
1711-2, 3 Jan.	William Follett		John Morey	barber	
1712, 25 Sept.	Charles Rake		Robt. Arnold	shoemaker	
1712-3, 9 Jan.	William Hutchins		Isaack Williams	barber	
1712-3, 9 Jan.	Bernard Woodsford		James Woodsford	sadler	
1714-5, 6 Jan.	Thomas Strode		John Morey, barber, and	perriwigg maker	
1714-5, 6 Jan.	Richard Condon		Thomas Gape	cooper	
1715, 15 Sept.	Nicholas Whiteway		James Woodsford	sadler	

The Freeman's Oath.

Dorsett. Borough of Dorchester. "You shall sweare that you shall be a good and true Subject to our Soveraigne Lord King William the Third his Heires and Successors and as long as you shall continue a Freeman of this Borough: You shall be obedient to the authority established in this Borough, the Franchises and Customes thereof You shall mainteine and this Borough keepe harmless in that that in you is: You shall be contributory to all manner of taxes and Contribucions which shall be reasonably imposed on you by the Governor and Assistants for the good of the Borough bearing your parte: You shall collour no Forreigners' goods vnder or in your name whereby the Towne might or may loose their advantages: You shall know noe Forreigner to buy or sell any wares or merchandize with any other Forreigner except in Faires or Marketts within this Towne or the Franchises thereof, but you shall warne the Governor thereof or one of his Assistants: You shall take noe Apprentice for lesse than seaven yeares without fraud or deceite, and within the first yeare you shall cause such an Apprentice to be inrolled, or else pay such Fine as shall be reasonably imposed upon you for omitting the same: All these Points and Articles you shall well and truly keepe as neere as God shall give you grace. Soe helpe you God." C. 23.

In course of time the Freeman's oath was reduced to a much smaller compass, and appears on the fly-leaf of C. 28 in the following form:—"You shall swear that you will as a Freeman of this Borough strictly observe and keep the Laws, Liberties, and Customs of this Borough as far as in you lye. So help you God."

Seals used on Admission of Freemen.

The seals used on the admission of Freemen from 4th October, 1734, to 8th February, 1768, are circular, 1.05 inch in diameter, bearing the arms of Dorchester, with the legend SIG : MAIORIS . DE . DORCHESTER ✠

N.B.—In the royal arms in the gateway of the Castle on the shield, the first grand quarter is 1 and 4, France; 2 and 3, England.

Beginning with 2nd October, 1780, a larger and different seal is used, viz., 1.7 inch in diameter, with the arms of Dorchester, but the legend runs SIG . GVB . ASSIST . ET . LIBER . HOMINVM . DE . DORCHESTER.

The engraver of this seal miscalculated the space at his disposal, and hence had to run together the "h" and "e," and the "t" and "e" in the name of Dorchester, and has scarcely left room for the stop which follows it.

N.B.—In the royal shield contained in the Dorchester arms, the first and fourth quarters of the first grand quarter are *England*, the second and third, *France*. B. 50.

Admission of Freemen of the Company of Freemen of the Borough.

(From Minute Book C. 6).

25th Oct., 1621.

	s.	d.
Thomas Whittle, merchant, g.*	2	0
Robert Shorte, furrier, g.	2	0
Robert More, *als.* Vring, mason, g... ..	1	0
William Lawrence, brewer sp.	10	0
Richard Wattes, mason, g.	6	8
Richard Williams, chaundelor, g.	1 0	0
Thomas Devenish, upholster, g. . ..	3	4
Henry Browne, merchant, g.	2	0

2nd Nov., 1621.

	s.	d.
William Penny, weaver, g.	1	0
John Trottes, tailor, g. ..	1	0
Thomas Churchill, weaver, g.	1	0
William Whiteway, the younger, merchant, g.	2	0
John Rasker, maulter, sp.	10	0
Thomas Ford, chaundelor, sp.	6	8
Mathew Bonger, baker, g.	1	0
Robert Griffen, baker, g.	1	0
Joseph Purchase, baker, g.	1	0
Robert Hoskins, cutler, g.	1	0
Robert Hillard, carpenter, g.	1	0
William Weare, carpenter, g.	1	0
Henry Hillerd, carpenter, g. . ..	1	0
William Channon, weaver, g.	1	0
John Bonger, blacksmith, sp.	10	0
Nicholas Stone, baker, sp.	1	0

7th Nov., 1621.

	s.	d.
John Facy, baker, g. ..	1	0
John Redwood, weaver, g.	——	
Augustyn Hobbes, mason, g.	——	
John Burges, needlemaker, g.	1	0
Henry Hoskins, weaver, g.	1	0
Bartholomew Bascomb, weaver, g. ..	1	0
William Parke, weaver, g.	1	0
Christopher Beere, thatcher, g.	1	0
Jasper Colson, apothecary, g.	2	0
Christopher Melmouth, alehousekeeper, g, ..	——	
William Symes, blacksmyth, sp. ..	2	0
Henry King, shoomaker, g.	1	0
Hugh Baker, currier, g...	——	
Henry Woodcock, weaver, g.	1	0
Robert Gillet [blank], g.	1	0
Richard Boyes, alehousekeeper, g.	2	0
George Otten, weaver, g.	1	0
John Facy, *alias* Scoller, baker, g.	1	0
Peter Fildew, weaver, g.	1	0
Peter Gailerd, the elder, pewterer, g. ..	1	0
John Cox, the weaver, g.	1	0
Ralph Hutton, hellier, g.	1	0
Robert Sherman, weaver,	1	0
g.	1	0
John Ellins, ropemaker, g.	1	0
William Willes, tailor, g.	1	0
John Lymington, glover, g.	1	0

* In this list "g" stands for "generally," and "sp." for "specially."

	s.	d.
Roberte Bason, weaver, g.	1	0
John Wilse, weaver, g. ..	1	0
William Curtesse, weaver, g.	1	0
Henry Corbyn, baker, g.	1	0
Humfry Stacy [blank], g.	——	
Andrew Fooke, butcher, g.	——	
Hugh Mannell, blacksmith, g.	1	0
Thomas Eares, alehouse-keeper, g... ..	2	0
Thomas Palmer, alehouse-keeper, g... ..	2	0
Robert Devenish, weaver, g.	2	0
William Norcot, weaver, g.	1	0
Henry Penny, weaver, g.	1	0
Isaack Hopkins, cooke, g.	——	
John Cobb, blacksmyth, g.	1	0
Hugh Lacy, weaver, g. ..	——	
Arthur Gould, tailor, g...	1	0
Laurence Righton, cutler, g.	1	0
George Panchard, tailor, g.	1	0
William Sheppard, ioyner, g.	1	0
Anthony Dowrage, hellier, g.	1	0
Peter Gailerd, the younger [blank], g. ..	1	0
Thomas Dowridge, needle-maker, g... ..	1	0
Mathew Haggard, butcher, g.	1	0
William Boyes, weaver, g.	1	0
John Willes, tailor, g. ..	1	0
John Sanway, barber, g.	1	0
Richard Coode, weaver, g.	1	0
Thomas Croocher, weaver, g.	1	0
William Michell, weaver, g.	1	0
Anthony Wood, cobler, g.	——	
John Druer, weaver, g...	——	
Henry Facy, weaver, g...	1	0
Henry Roe, cooke, g. ..	1	0
Roger Pownsy, butcher, g.	1	0
Thomas Pownsy, butcher, g.	1	0
John Norton, barber, g...	1	0
14th Nov., 1621.		
Christofer Edmonds, alehouse-keeper, g. ..	2	0
Leonard Hoskins, weaver, g.	——	
George Gennyngs, loksmyth, g.	1	0
Nicholas Jeffery, tailor, g.	1	0
John Greene, weaver, g.	——	
John Chepman, weaver, g.	1	0
Edward Chepman, weaver, g.	1	0
Giles Wilse, *alias* Mory, fuller, g.	1	0
George Yeate, fishmonger, g.	2	0
Roberte Nicholls, cooke, sp.	1	0
Elias Fry, glazier, g. ..	1	0
Hugh Haggard, butcher, g.	1	0
William Demant, weaver, g.	1	0
William Tailor, fuller, g.	1	0
William Fluellen, cooper, g.	1	0
Joseph Ingram, shomaker, g.	1	0
— Goodfellow, weaver, g.	——	
Nicholas Culliford, weaver, g.	——	
William Martyn, sevier, g.	1	0
Henry Mory, weaver, g...	1	0
Philip Southwood, weaver, g.	1	0
Edward Abbot, weaver, g.	1	0
John Keate, tailor, g. ..	1	0
John Standish, alehouse-keeper, g... ..	2	0
John Hellier, butcher, g.	1	0
Francis Banks, glover, g.	1	0
Leonard Miller, brewer, g.	2	0
Philip Nicholles, tailor, g.	1	0
William Blachford, merchant, g.	2	0
Robert Roy, needlemaker, g.	1	0
Walter Oldish, shoomaker, g.	1	0
George Daw, cooke, sp...	2	0
Roberte Corbyn, fruiterer, g.	1	0
Patrochus Cooke, Beadle of the Company, g. ..	——	
21st Nov., 1621.		
Nicholas Porter, carpenter, g.	1	0
Thomas Hiet, mercer, g.	2	0
Thomas Cossens, fishook-maker, g.	1	0
Simon Hasselburie, clothier, g.	2	0
Joseph Parkins, clothier, g.	2	0
28th Nov., 1621.		
Michaell Fooke, butcher, g.	1	0
Steven Morecock, dyer, g....	1	0
George Dier, weaver, g. ..	1	0

23rd Jan., 1621-2.	s.	d.
Roberte Goode, weaver, sp.	5	0
Christofer Jinkins, ioyner, g.		10
30th Jan., 1621-2.		
Henry Shepster [blank], g.	1	0
William Teuxberry, weaver	1	0
31st Jan., 1621-2.		
Thomas Reade, alehowsekeeper, g	2	0
Edward Hayne, weaver, g.	1	0
20th Feb., 1621-2.		
Henrie White, shoomaker, g.	1	0
John Oldish [blank], g. ..	1	0
Thomas Flud, shoomaker, g.	1	0
Walter Chaldecot [blank], g.	——	
William Phippet [blank], g.	——	
John Gay [blank], g. ..	1	0
Mathew Swaffeild, shoomaker, g.	1	0
27th March, 1622.		
Roger Rickwell, gardner, sp.	3	4
William Melmouth, sadler, g.	1	0
John Squire, currier, "being an apprentice and during his apprentiship having maried his Dame," sp.	3	4
John Combes, mason, sp. ..	5	0
Henry Martyn, weaver, g...	1	0
10th May, 1622.		
William Mellege, grocer, g.	2	0
19th June, 1622.		
Thomas Gape, baker, g. ..	1	0
Thomas Symonds, wollendraper, g.	2	0
22nd Aug., 1622.		
Mathew Barfoote, clothier, g.	2	0
29th Aug., 1622.		
Lawrence Michell, sherman, sp.	10	0
William Levett, weaver, sp.	10	0
Thomas Lock, weaver, sp.	10	0
Christofer Hall, weaver, sp.	10	0
4th Nov., 1622.		
Raph Whitlock, ioyner ..	1 10	0

18th June, 1623.	£	s.	d.
Amias Martyn, mercer, sp.	40	0	0
Joshua Martyn, mercer, sp.			
29th Oct., 1623.			
Thomas Whittle, mercer ..		——	
John Peryn, sherman, g. ..		1	0
Raph Peryn, clothier, g. ..		*nil*	
Hugh Phillippes, grocer, app. to Joseph Underwood, g.		2	0
Edward Maber, clothier, app. to Henry Maber, g. ..		2	0
27th Dec., 1623.			
Josias Terry, haberdasher, g.		2	0
2nd March, 1623-4.			
Richard Blachford, jun., merchant, g. ..		2	0
Henrie Mynterne, clothier, app. to Mr. Rd. Blachford, g.		2	0
John Cooth, merchant, app. to said Mr. B., g. ..		2	0
8th July, 1624.			
Henry Hoare, clothier, app. to Mr. Joseph Paty, g.		2	0
Richard Churchill, wollen draper, app. to Mr. Bailiff Wm. Jolliffe, g.		2	0
Edward Brag [blank] ..	13	6	8
5th Aug., 1624.			
John Colefox, feltmaker, sp.	1	2	0
24th Sept., 1624.			
Edward Cosh [blank], sp...		5	0
John Churchill, hosier, sp...	1	0	0
14th Dec., 1624.			
William Short (s. of Roberte), furrier, app. to his father, sp.		5	0
15th Feb., 1624-5.			
John Meader, weaver, sp...		5	0
17th March, 1624-5.			
Christofer Jacob, tailor, app. to Philip Nicholles, g...		1	0

	£	s.	d.
John Chafie, weaver, late servant to John Allambrig, sp.	2	0	0
George Burford, barber surgeon, "borne in the Towne, and serving Mr. John Burford vj yeares in Towne in musick and v yeares in London with a barber surieon is generally admitted to the trade of a barber surieon for		5	0
8th Dec., 1625.			
Richard Hellier, shooemaker, g.		1	0
Thomas Lucas, needlemaker, g.		1	0
12th Jan., 1625-6.			
Robert Watts, weaver, g. ..		1	0
John Watts, haberdasher, g.		2	0
Joseph Whittle, vintner, g.		1	0
William Munden, tailor, g.		1	0
Thomas Robinson, butcher, g.		1	0
John Whittle, mercer, g. ..		2	0
Robert Bishop, cooper, g...		1	0
John Roberts, clothier, g...		2	0
Samuell Besse, weaver, sp.		13	4
14th June, 1626.			
William Coke, weaver ..		1	0
George Bryne, carpenter ..		1	0
19th Oct., 1626.			
Richard Stevens, grocer, g.		2	0
John Bushrode, clothier, app. to John Dale, decd., g.	2	0	0
29th Jan., 1626-7.			
Arthur Holman, merchant		2	0
William Gapper, fuller ..	1	10	0
25th Oct., 1627.			
Robert George, smith and gunner, sp. (paid "a musket, brought in forthwith but the R[r] [Receiver] gave him 2s. to pay his musket stock") ..			

	£	s.	d.
25th Feb., 1627-8.			
"The hoble Mr. Densill Hollis, second sonne of the Erle of Clare is admitted a freeman of the said Borough."			
14th April, 1628.			
William Hutchins, butcher		10	0
23rd July, 1628.			
William Davies, painter, "is admitted a freeman and for it is to set vp the Kings Armes in the inner hall."			
26th Dec., 1628.			
John Norris, butcher, g. ..		1	0
William Baily, chaundler, g.		1	0
Robert Lillington, glover, eldest son of his father and long vsed the trade of a glover in Towne, sp.		3	0
21st Jan., 1628-9.			
Peter Peeke, sherman, sp...	2	10	0
George Membry, barber, g.		1	0
25th June, 1629.			
Ellis Coombe, baker ..		1	0
Henrie Hansleigh, mercer..		1	0
30th July, 1629.			
Robert Blake, merchant ..	20	0	0
John Roll, feltmaker, app. to John Colefox ..		1	0
John Balaam, glover ..		5	0
Henry Smyth, mercer, app. to Mr. John Coke ..		2	0
Gregory Lamort, tayler, app. to John Pollerd ..		2	0
Edward Streete, feltmaker, app. to John Watercomb		1	0
21st Oct., 1629.			
John Chafie, tailor, sp. ..		5	0
7th Jan., 1629-30.			
Thomas Clench, weaver, g.		1	0
William Derby, mercer, g...		2	0
Anthony New, hellier, g. ..		1	0

	£	s.	d.
Christofer Conway, weaver, sp.		3	4
Hugh Rogers, weaver, sp...		3	4
Thomas Sowthy, shomaker sp.		3	4
William Paty, clothier, g. ..		2	0
William Odry, feltmaker ..	2	0	0
Hugh Buckland, glover ..		1	0
William Haiward, cutler ..		1	0
Thomas Bushrod, merchant, g.		2	0
Thomas Blachford, merchant, g.		2	0
John Dashwood, mercer, g.		2	0

Thursday after the Annunciation, 1630.

Thomas Colefox, feltmaker, app. to John Colefox and then to A. Spratling		1	0

15th April, 1630.

Robert Wier, carpenter, app. to Wm. W., his father, g.		1	0

29th July, 1630.

Richard Warman, weaver, sp.		3	4

19th Aug., 1630.

Silvester Keech, carpenter, sp.		6	8

30th Sept., 1630.

John Kennicott, merchant, app. to Mr. John Perkins, g.		2	0
William Simonds, victualer, sp.		5	0
Anthony Edwards, currier, g.		2	0
Mathew Coker, gouldsmyth, g.		2	0
William Comidge, clothier, app. to Joseph Paty, g.		2	0

6th Jan., 1630-1.

John Dowrage, hellier, app. to Anth. Dowrage, sp.		1	6
William Butler, app. to his father, Mathew B., g...		1	0
John Haisham, barber, sp.		2	0
John Bartlett, glover, app. to Geo. Way, g. ..		1	0
John Hillard, glover, app. to John Stone, g. ..		1	0
William Bankes, glover, sp.		3	4
Robert Girdler, bookseller and binder, sp. ..	2	0	0
James Gould, clothier, app. to Geo. Gould, g. ..		2	0
Thomas Powncy, butcher, app. to his father, g. ..		1	0
Hugh Haggard, butcher, app. to his father, g. ..		1	0
Daniell Hawkes, needlemaker, sp. ..		2	0
Thomas Galpin, clothworker, born in the town, app. to Buckland in Trinity parish, sp.		5	0
Richard Greene, shoomaker, app. to Richard Riall and his Mr. being gon for New England he is now ordered to serve some man, etc.			

31st March, 1631.

Alexander Bennett, wollen weaver, sp.		2	0
Barnard Cawpin, shoomaker, sp.		3	0
John Reade, hellier, sp. ..		8	4
Thomas Churchill, baker, app. to John Scoller ..		1	0
William Bobier, weaver, sp.		2	0
Henry Goare, weaver, sp...		2	0

21st Sept., 1631.

Henry Bridges, clothworker	3	6	8
Markes Greene, weaver, sp.			*nil*

5th Jan., 1631-2.

John Biles, woollen draper, app. to Mr. Roger Stevens, g.		2	0
John Hooper, of Wells, clockmaker and watchmaker, sp.	3	0	0
John Thorne, sadler, app. to Roger Jones, g. ..		1	0

	£	s.	d.
9th April, 1632.			
Edward Forde, *alias* Symes, clothier, app. to John Allambrigge, sp. ..	2	0	0
George Gould, jun., clothier, app. to Geo. Gould, thelder, g.		2	0
John Haydon, milwright, sp.	1	0	0
Richard King, shoomaker, g.		1	0
James Dennis, clothworker, sp.	1	0	0
William Middleton, tailor ..		6	8
26th July, 1632.			
John Hooper, clock and watchmaker, sp. ..	3	0	0
Gifford Bale, mercer, g. ..		2	0
Joseph Stacy, cooper, g. ..		1	0
Nicholas Banger, clothier, g.		2	0
Marshall Maber, clothier, g.		2	0
27th Sept., 1632.			
George Cole, merchant, of Burton, sp.	20	0	0
Henry Bushrode, broadweaver, sp.	1	0	0
Erasmus Baker, clothier, app. to Mr. Gardner, sp.		6	8
Bartholomew Bascomb, weaver, g.			*nil*
Thomas Mowlam, tailer, sp.		6	8
3rd Jan., 1632-3.			
William Huntley, feltmaker, sp.		3	4
Nathaniell Bury, apothecary, app. to his father, sp...		10	0
Robert Harris, tailor, app. to John Conduit, sp. ..		2	0
28th March, 1633.			
John Brothers, broadweaver, sp.	1	10	0
1st Aug., 1633.			
Francis Dashwood, merchant, app. to John Blachford, g.		2	0
John Gilbert, broadweaver, sp.	1	10	0
John Colefox (s. of Wm. Colefox), feltmaker, app. to John Colefox, g. ..		1	0
Nicholas Symes, painter, app. to Mr. Davies, g.		1	0
1634.			
John Elford, tallow chaundeler, sp.	3	0	0
Nath. Cooth, merchant, app. to John Cooth, of D., g.		2	0
John Broome, pavier, sp. ..		3	4
Henry Hayward, merchant, sp., 5 marks.			
Thursday before Mich's, 1634.			
Richard Rogers, wollen draper, app. to Rd. Savage, g.		2	0
Thomas Treat, clothier, app. to Mr. John Allombrig		2	0
Thursday, ——.			
William Browne, bookseller, app. to Robt. Girdler, g.		2	0
Henry Bishop, cooper, app. to Raph Whitlock, ioyner		1	0
William Savage, tailer, servant to Geo. Munden, g.		1	0
William Miller, brewer, servant to his father, g...		1	0
16th April, 1635.			
John Long, bookseller, servant to his father, g. ..		2	0
Henry Crab, grocer, app. to Mr. Bury		2	0
Robert Polden (s. of Robte. Polden, decd.), clothworker, app. to John Allambrig & Peter Peke, g.		1	0
6 Aug., 11 Chas. [1635].			
William Harbin, tailer, g. ..		1	0

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	£	s.	d.
5th January, 1698-9.			
Thomas Serne, as having married a wife who had lived as apprentice for 20 years to an apothecary	40	0	
William Jacob, app. above 7 years to his father, Wm. J., linnenweaver	2	6	
John Seager, app. 7 years to Wm. Eastmond, cordwinder	1	0	
William Turner, of this Borough, cooke	10	0	
Thomas Gape, app. to Peter Fluellen, cooper, 7 years	2	0	
Isaac Williams, app. to Francis Wadman, barber, 7 years	2	0	
Andrew Purchas, maulster	2	6	
Robert Seager, maulster ..	5	0	
Robert Gundry, taylor ..	20	0	
4th January, 1699-1700.			
Elizabeth Clarke, app. 7 years to her father, a butcher	1	0	
Mathew Williams, app. to his father, Joseph Williams, a grocer ..	2	6	
Samuell Chaldecott, app. 7 years to John Reade, taylor	1	0	
Robert Loder, clke, admitted to trade of a merchant.			
26th Sept., 1700.			
Elizabeth Williams, app. 7 years to her mother, Mary W., tallow chaundler	2	6	
Moses Snooke, jun., app. 7 years to his father, a sadler	2	0	
27th Sept., 1700.			
James Woodsford, sadler ..	40	0	
Christopher Stoodly, jun., son of Christopher S., adm. grocer	20	0	
4th Dec., 1700.			
William Weare, app. to Grace Lacy, wid., woollendraper	2	6	
Sir Nath. Napper Knt., adm. Freeman, and gave ..	5	0	0
25 Sept., 1701.			
John Woolmington, apothecary	5	0	0
4th June, 1702.			
Martha Douch, spr., app. 7 years	1	0	
Joseph Gigger, app. 7 years to his father & mother	10	0	
John Morey, app. 7 years to his father, Samuell Morey, barber ..	2	0	
24th Sept., 1702.			
Sir John Darnell, Knt., Recorder, admitted.			
William Twisse, upholsterer	5	0	
7th Jan., 1702-3.			
Robert Motier, cordwinder	1	0	
Charles Meader, milwright..	5	0	
23rd Sept., 1703.			
John Snooke, app. to Moses Snooke, his father, 7 years, sadler ..	2	0	
6th Jan., 1703-4.			
James, son of John Gaylard, app. to John Harbin, barber	2	0	
28th Sept., 1704.			
William Smith	40	0	
Anthony Kenn	2	0	
Lamas West, jun. ..	2	0	
William Winsor	2	0	
Giles Hidgcocke	2	0	
Jonathan Scutt	2	0	
Celina Hilson, app. to Mat. Hilson, Governor, haberdasher	2	0	

	£	s.	d.
4th Jan., 1704-5.			
John Hillard, carpenter ..		2	0
Robert Arnold, shoemaker		2	0
Thomas Tapp, cooper ..		2	0
7th May, 1705.			
Aunsham Churchill, of London, stationer, admitted, and voluntarily gave 10 guineas. [10 . 15 . 0 in margin.]			
27th Sept., 1705.			
Thomas, son of Samuel Snooke, Governor, app. to his father, ironmonger ..		2	0
Enoch Fortescue, clothworker		2	0
Robert Gape		2	0
Thomas Townson, baker ..		1	0
11th March, 1705-6.			
John Ward, app. 7 years to Richard Samwayes, grocer		2	6
Jasper Arnold, app. to Laurence Righton, cutler, decd. .		5	0
William Tucker, app. to his brother, Robt. T., blacksmith, 7 years ..		1	0
Thomas Miller, cordwinder		1	0
Daniell Paddocke, cordwinder		1	0
25th Sept., 1707.			
Joseph Smith, brazier ..		20	0
6th Oct., 1707.			
Cornelius Gawler, app. to Nich. Slaie, butcher ..		2	0
John Mihill, app. to William Gawler, barber ..		2	0
Richard Gawler, app. to Eliz. Gawler, baker, decd. ..		2	0
William Beck "having served an apprenticeshipp vnto a glazier in Sherborne & having lived within this Borough for seuerall years"		21	6
Dennis Bond, Esq., adm. freeman, paid 2 guineas.			
8th Jan., 1707-8.			
James Bun[n] (who had married Elizabeth Williams, a freewoman), haberdasher of small wares	20	0	
23rd Sept., 1708.			
William, son of Robt. Cole, tayler, app. 7 years to his father		2	0
Charles Young, app. to Josiah Byles, barber, 7 years..		2	0
6th Jan., 1708-9.			
George Yeate		2	6
George Lester		2	6
John Kellaway		2	6
Francis Gaylard, jun. ..		2	6
Charles Austin, jun. ..		1	0
Robert Young, leather dresser	20	0	
William Allen . ..		2	6
22nd Sept., 1709.			
Mary Gooderedge, spr., haberdasher of small wares..	10	0	
26th Sept., 1709.			
Francis Hamlyn		5	0
John Batten		2	6
Stephen Mitchell.. ..		5	0
Wm. Channing		2	0
Wm. Geale		2	0
John Lawes		5	0
Henry Day		2	6
Peter Gray		5	0
John Masters, *alias* Pupler	10	0	
John Winsor, jun. ..		1	0
George Limbry		1	0
Robert Lester		1	0
William Paddocke ..		1	0
William Smith		1	0
Samuell Winsor		1	0
Thomas Wood, apothecary	20	0	
5th Jan., 1709-10.			
Richard Mitchell, tallow chandler	10	0	
James Keate, 7 years app. to a barber		2	0

	£	s.	d.
27th Sept., 1710.			
Samuel Bedloe, senr. ..	20	0	
George Cooper, app. to Robt. Bunn, grocer ..	2	6	
William, son of James Channing, app. to his father	2	6	
Benjamin Gifford, Esq.			
Robert Colson, gent.			
Nicholas Weare, app. to his father, Robt. Weare, 7 years	2	6	
4th Jan., 1710-11.			
Bernard Hamlyn, 7 years app. to Francis Wadman, barber ..	1	0	
Edward Vincent, jun., app. to Peter Standish, butcher	1	0	
28th Sept., 1711.			
Emanuell Chapman, app. to John Mitchell, mason..	2	0	
Henry Lilly	2	0	
Samuell Hillard	2	0	
John Collins, blacksmith ..	2	0	
19th Nov., 1711.			
Benjam. Gifford, of Boreham, Wilts, adm. to freedom, and gave 10 guineas.			
Thomas Gould, app. to his father, Geo. Gould, glover	2	6	
Thomas Ironside, painter stainer	5	0	
3rd June, 1711-2.			
William, son of John Lock, butcher, app. 7 years to his father	2	0	
Thomas Reynolds, app. 7 years to James Standish, butcher	2	0	
Richard Bayly, victualler, of D.	2	0	
John Sherrington ..	2	0	
Robert Waylond ..	2	0	
Robert Hitchcock ..	2	0	
Lawrence Snook	5	0	
25th Sept., 1712.			
Robert Fosse, wheelwright	2	6	
Edward Jones, app. 7 years to Jonathan Haydon, milwright	2	0	
9th Jan., 1712-3.			
Humphry Hardy, wheelwright	2	6	
John Gould, scrivener ..	5	0	
26th Aug., 1713.			
Henry Trenchard, Esq., admitted.			
Samuel Standing, malster..	5	0	
Samuel Rickword, sadler ..	2 3	0	
24th Sept., 1713.			
Josiah Mocher, 7 years app. to his father, Robt. Mocher, shoemaker ..	1	0	
7th Jan., 1713-4.			
Sarah Evomy, wid., joiner	2	0	
Robert Fook, 7 years app. to his father, Robert Fook, butcher ..	17	6	
Christopher Peirce, sope boiler	5	0	
John Ensor, 7 years app. to Lawrence Shephard, clothier	2	0	
Joseph Chaldecott, clothier	20	0	
29th July, 1714.			
Jacob Hitchcock, 7 years app. to Rd. Dowle, shoemaker	1	0	
Maurice Gauntlett, 7 years app. to his father, Maurice Gauntlett, cutler ..	1	0	
Robert Filldue, malster ..	2	6	
William Brookes, gunsmith	2	6	
6th Jan., 1714-5.			
Thomas Yeat, linnen draper	15	0	
15th Sept., 1715.			
Zachariah Nelson, 7 years app. to his father, John Nelson	2	6	
James Parsons, 7 years app. to John White, tayler..	2	6	
Edward Mayo, 7 years app. to John Seager, shoemaker	2	6	

	£	s.	d.
Thomas Evomy, 7 years app. to trade of a joiner ..		2	6
John Hewlett, 7 years app. to his father, Wm. Hewlett		2	6
William Hellard, 7 years app. to Wm. Harris, shoemaker		2	6
John Phiphard, the like ..		2	6
Henry Creech, 7 years app. to Geo. Limbury, shoemaker		2	6

	£	s.	d.
5th Jan., 1715-6.			
Anthony Read, 7 years app. to Robert Shephard, clothier		2	6
12th May, 1718.			
Thomas Pitman, app. to Thos. Pitman, his father, decd.		2	6

The following admissions are contained in the Minute Book of the meetings of the Court of Freemen (C. 28), from 30th September, 1734, to 5th January, 1835, at which date the entries cease. During the earlier part of this period the meetings were held at irregular intervals. The book contains nothing but election of Officers and admission of Freemen. In B. 50 (referred to by the asterisk), are 149 certificates of admission of Freemen at a Special Court of the Governor, Assistants and Freemen of the Borough, and nine Declarations, the latter made by William Lock, Thomas Bennett, Henry Bly, George Stickland, William Oliver and Stephen Gale, 13th September, 1833, and by Charles Stickland, Christopher Arden, Morgan Yeatman and Thomas Fisher, 7th May, 1836.

	£	s	d.
4th Oct., 1734.			
James Gaylard, app. to his father, Fras. G., plumber		1	0
Robert Hawes, gent., vintner*		5	0
John Lester, currier* ..		5	0
William Bryer, gent., vintner*		5	0
Thomas Cooper, apothecary*		5	0
Thomas Loder [? upholsterer]		5	0
James Blye, gingerbread maker*		5	0
Robert Snooke		5	0
Mathew Comens		5	0
John Batten, joiner* ..		5	0
John Browne, Esq., M.P. for the Borough ..	5	5	0
John Holland, app. to his father, carpenter		2	6

	£.	s.	d.
Thomas Tapp, jun., app. to his father, cooper ..		2	6
George Cooper, gent., grocer*		5	0
William Manfield, malster*		5	0
Mr. Mathew Cooper, pewterer		5	0
John Budd, baker ..		5	0
John Gale, gardener [baker, B. 50]*		5	0
John Sheppard, app. to John Harris, hellyar* ..		2	6
James Gollopp, watchmaker		5	0
Peter Standish, app. to Peter S., his father, butcher		2	6
Robert Sheddam, hatmaker, "and he being a Quaker, made affirmation" ..		5	0
John White, cooper* ..		5	0
John Hunt, taylor* ..		5	0

	£	s.	d.
Thomas Ironside, barber* ..		5	0
Henry Wiggens, taylor ..		5	0
John Evomy, app. to William Gawler, barber ..		2	6
Henry Evomy [glazier, B. 50], app. to Arthur Haviland, sergemaker* ..		2	6
25th Sept., 1741.			
Mr. John Channing, gent.*		5	0
Mr. John Pitman, gent., app. to Thomas P., grocer, decd.*		5	0
5th Oct., 1741.			
Mr. Samuel Stanning, jun.		5	0
9th Oct., 19 George II.			
Rt. Hon. Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury, Lord Lieut. and Custos Rotulorum, elected and admitted Freeman of the Company of Clothiers.*			
9th Jane, 1748.			
Mr. George Arden, silversmith*		5	0
Mr. John Ping, grocer* ..		5	0
23rd June, 1748.			
Mr. Francis Purchase ..		5	0
Mr. James Chaffey, gent.* ..		5	0
Mr. John Gundry, gent.* ..		5	0
Mr. Nathaniel Stickland, gent.*		5	0
14th April, 1755.			
William Templeman, gent.*			
Mr. John Nelson, mercer.*			
Mr. William Davis, apothecary.*			
Mr. Richard Cossens [Cosens, B. 50], mercer.*			
Mr. Edward Bryer, innholder.*			
Mr. George Clines, victualler.*			
Daniel Chaffey, cutler.*			
Jonathan Comer, watchmaker.*			
William Clear, whitesmith.*			
John Martin, sen., barber.*			
John Martin, jun., barber.*			
Thomas Purss [sen., B. 50], barber.*			
William Summers, barber.*			
Richard Paddock, shoemaker.*			
William Bridle, victualler.*			
Samuel Snook, upholsterer.*			
William Rogers, glover.*			
Thomas Parker, corkcutter.*			
Thomas Pook, gardener.*			
Timothy Gwyer, cooper.*			
Erasmus Cox, innholder.*			
Mr. Christopher Arden, gent.*			
William Garrett, victualler.*			
William Child, shoemaker.*			
William Bryer, jun., innholder [son of Edward B., innholder, B. 50].*			
Thomas Applin, mercer.*			
Thomas Hardy, shoemaker.*			
John Dowle, collarmaker.*			
Richard Ayling, sadler.*			
William Johnson, cooper.*			
John Foy, patternmaker.*			
Thomas Card, cheesemonger.*			
John Wheeler, joiner.*			
George Stickland, malster.*			
9th Oct., 1761.			
Mr. Robert Lambert, gent.*			
8th Feb., 1768.			
Walter Nicholls, gent* ..		5	0
Morgan Yeatman, gent.* ..		5	0
29th Sept., 1769.			
Robert Lumley Kingston, gent.*		5	0
21st Sept., 1772.			
Rt. Hon. Joseph Lord Milton, High Steward of the Borough.			
William Churchill, Esq. ..		5	0
John Floyer, Esq. ..		5	0
William Read, hellier.* ..		5	0
George Foy, pattenmaker*		5	0
John Buckland, surgeon* ..		5	0
21st March, 1776.			
Robert Willis, gent. ..		5	0
William Gundry, gent.* ..		5	0
Edward Cosens, gent.* ..		5	0
William Martin		5	0

	£	s.	d.
George Chaffey*		5	0
Edward Robinson* ..		5	0

2nd October, 1780.

William Ewer, Esq., M.P. for the Borough.*

The Freedom offered to Hon. George Damer, the other M.P., "on his return from abroad in the service of his King and Country."

18th March, 1782.

	£	s.	d.
Robert Stickland, gent. ..		5	0
Nathaniel Stickland, gent.		5	0
John Willis, gent. ..		5	0
William Bryer, gent. ..		5	0

21st March, 1782.

	£	s.	d.
John Gollop, M.D. ..		5	0
Bath. Chaffey, gent. ..		5	0

30th January, 1790.

	£	s.	d.
John Bennett, sergeant-at-mace*		5	0
James Foy, beadle* ..		5	0
Hon. Cropley Ashley, of Wimborne St. Giles* ..		5	0
John Hodges, gent. [watch-maker, B. 50]* ..		5	0
George Stickland, jun., gent.*		5	0
John Templeman, gent.* ..		5	0
Thomas Gould Read, gent.*		5	0

22nd Feb., 1790.

Francis Fane, Esq.

Hon. George Damer.

	£	s.	d.
John Callard Manfield, gent.		5	0
George Andrews, gent.* ..		5	0

11th Sept., 1793.

George Churchill, Esq.*

	£	s.	d.
Christopher Arden, gent.* ..		5	0

Charles White, gent.

22nd July, 1794.

James Chafy, gent. [Esq., B. 50].*

21st Sept., 1801.

	£	s.	d.
William Bower, gent.*		5	0
Nathaniel Stickland, gent.*		5	0

Christopher Cooper, M.D.*

John Galpin, cooper.*

25th May, 1803.

George Frampton, jun., stationer.*

7th June, 1803.

Bennett Harvey, ironmonger.*
Thomas Gilbert Garland, grocer.*
Samuel Churchill, watchmaker.*
John Wood, brazier.*
Charles Austin, taylor.*
William Beach, upholsterer.*
Robert Rumsey, hellier.*
Thomas Wood, brazier.*
Henry Bly, baker.*

27th June, 1803.

Matthew Baker, auctioneer.*
John Bascombe, taylor.*
Charles Groves, cordwainer.*
John Hayne, grocer.*
John Clare, whitesmith.*
Richard Spencer, shopkeeper.*
William Galpin, jun., victualler.*
John Gray, cordwainer.*
Thomas Brice, victualler.*

3rd October, 1803.

Joseph Ash, hatter.*
Richard Rolls, taylor.*
Thomas Randall, shopkeeper.*
William Pearce, malster.*
John Sumers Jacob, sadler.*
George Squibb, cordwainer.*
Thomas Curme, master builder.*
George Newman, taylor.*
Richard Barnwell, glazier.*
John Tarzewell, cordwainer.*
John Chapman, wheeler.*
George Freak, baker.*
James Sparkes, taylor [and salesman, B. 50].*
Thomas Churchill, cordwainer.*
William Tapp, joiner [and carpenter, B. 50].*
William Browne, glazier.*

£ s. d.

10th July, 1806.
Robert Pattison, gent.*
Joseph Trenow, schoolmaster.*
Thomas Rogers, gent. [glazier, B. 50].*

3rd October, 1808.
George Strickland (*sic*), collar-maker.*

2nd May, 1809.
Charles Stickland, gent.*
Christopher Arden, jun., gent.*

29th May, 1811.
Charles Henry Bouverie, Esq.

5th October, 1812.
Robert Williams, jun., Esq.*
William Spencer, gent.* .. 5 0
George Arden, gent.* .. 5 0

28th December, 1812.
William à Court, Esq.*

4th October, 1813.
Thomas Standish, hairdresser.*

11th April, 1814.
Samuel Shepherd, Esq., H.M. Solicitor General.*

3rd October, 1814.
Morgan Yeatman, gent.*
Thomas Bower, gent.*
Stephen Gale, builder.*
Richard Groves, hairdresser.*

18th June, 1819.
Charles Warren, Esq.*

1st October, 1821.
Charles Ostler, hairdresser.*

£ s. d.

6th October, 1823.
Thomas Bennete, shopkeeper.*

20th February, 1824.
John Burnet, gent.*
Joseph Clapcott, gent.*
Joseph Stone, gent.*

3rd October, 1825.
James Bishop, tallow chandler.*

9th June, 1826.
Hon. Anthony William Ashley Cooper.*

1st October, 1827.
William Oliver, victualler.*
William Lock, butcher.*

15th April, 1829.
Thomas Coombs, gent.*
William Denning Tapp, surgeon.*

10th April, 1830.
Henry Charles Sturt, of More Critchell, Esq.*

2nd August, 1830.
Hon. Anthony Ashley Cooper (Lord Ashley), of New Norfolk St., p. of St. George, Middx.*

11th October, 1831.
Hon. Anthony Henry Ashley Cooper, of Grosvenor Square, p. of St George, Hanover Square, Middx.

5th January, 1835.
Robert Williams, jun., of Littlebredy, Esq;.

Burgesses in Parliament.

A list of Members representing Dorchester in Parliament will be found in Hutchins' *Dorset*, and elsewhere. The particulars here given are taken from the Borough papers, but cover but a small portion of the field.

1620, Dec. 13. "A choise was made by the Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester for Burgesses for the Parliament for the said Borough to bee held the xvjth day of January next these personnes, viz.:

Sr Francis Ashley,
Mr John Parkins." C. 4.

1639-40, January 24. "Thes day the most parte of the Company did declare their opynion that the fittest men to be chosen for Burgesses of the Parliament, if any writt come, to be Denzell Hollis, esqr, and Mr. Dennis Bond." C. 12.

"Answer to the Earle of Suffolk's letter for a Burgess for the Parliament.

Friday, 7th of February, 1639.

Right ho'ble: having received your letters by your servant, Mr. Salter, & having considered the contents of them, These are humbly to thank your Lo'p for your care for, and good intencions towards thes Towne therein mencioned, and according to your Lo'p's intimacions I shall in observance to your ho'ble mocion propose vnto the Townesmen heere your Lo'p's mynd when I shall have received his Mat^{s} writt for election of Burgesses for the Parliament. However by a constitucion of this Towne heertofore made none can bee chosen a Burgesse for a Parliament for vs, but one that shall bee a free Burgesse of the Borough, and how they can or will dispense with that Constitucion I cannot yet resolve your honor. And thus with remembrance of my due respect vnto your Lo'p I humbly take my leave, and shall ever remayne,

Your Lo'ps in all I may to be comaunded.

Dorchester, February 9, 1639." C. 12.

1639-40, Feb. 29. "Mr. Maior propownding a question which Mr. Salter pressed Mr. Maior to give a resolute answeare

whether the Towne will choose Sr Dudley Carleton at the Erle of Suff. request for Burgesse of the Parliamt. The Company thought fitt that the best answ. was to give that Mr. Maior had talked with diuers of the Towne and Company and they resolve to choose Townesmen, and some refuse to declare their opinions of choice vntill the tyme of choise." C. 12.

1639-40. March 13. "This day mr. Maior, Burgesses and Freemen of this Borough did by vertue of the warrant from the Sheriff of the County elect and choose the honorable Denzill Holles, esqr, and Mr. Dennis Bond, one of the Capitall Burgesses of the same Borough, to be Burgesses for the same Borough for the Parliament to be holden the xiij day of April next. Richard Savage, Maior." [Nine other signatures.] C. 12.

1649, Sept. 21. "It was agreed and ordered that there should be six sugar loaves bought by the Towne Steward to the value of three or fower pounds and presented as from Mr. Mayor and this Company vnto Mr. Denis Bond as a testimony of our respects to him for his fauors manifested to the Toune, which was don accordingly the same day." C. 12.

1654, July 17. "This day Mr. John Whiteway was elected and chosen Burgess of Parliament for this Towne, at the Townehal by the voyces and consent of all that were present vpon a full and faire summons; and the Indentures finished and returned to the Sheriffe into whose hands they were deliuered the 24th day of July." C. 9.

1658-9, Jan. 7. "This day at Sheerhall were chosen Burgesses for the Parliament now at hand these two vnderwritten, namely,

James Gould, esq.,
Mr. John Bushrod,* one of the Capital Burgesses."

C. 15.

1660, April 9. Monday. "This day there was a choyce of Burgesses for the Toune for the next Parliament at the Sheere hall, where were chosen Denzil Holles, esq., & John Whiteway.

At which time Mr. James Gould also was in nominacion, but came short by 11 voyces of the inhabitants in general, and by 10 voyces of Freeholders and freemen."

* In Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 358, Bushrod is erroneously termed Bulstrode.

"At a publique Meeting of mr. Mayor and the Capital Burgesses and Common Council of this Borough, it was resolved and agreed vpon amongst them, that it was only the right of Freeholders and freemen of this Borough to giue their voyces for the Election of Burgesses of Parliament. And that this hath bin the Custome of the Borough time out of mind, as by the Ancient men of the Towne was then affirmed.

John Daniell, Jno. Whiteway, John Bushrod, Josiah Terry, Tho. Symonds, Lawranc Righton, Phillip Stansbie." C. 15.

1660-1, March 22. "Md. this day the Maior received a precept from the Shriffe for the choyse of tow Burges to serve for the towne in the next Parliament, and present[ly] issued out a Warrant for the publishinge of it that the election might be on Teusday next which was don, and the day cominge, the Maior declared att Hall the sence of the Company ther last Friday, for the Qualification of the electors, that is to say, that only such shold be capable to chuse that were freholders orr men that paid scott and lott, which the Maior held vnto in the scrutiny as appears by the list." C. 15.

Original Letter from Thos. Foster, M.P. :—

"London, May 1st, 1765.

"Sir,—As 'tis the Duty and I think ought to be the Pleasure of every member of Parliament to give his Constituents the earlyest Intelligence possible of every great Transaction that is like to come before them, I shall be allways glad of their Sentiments which will guide my Conduct in great measure.

"There's now before the Lords a Bill at the Request of the Crown to establish a Regency which is opposed—and for their argument who oppose the Bill—that the Houses of Parliament on a Demise have sufficient Power to form Regulations and that any Bill passed now will not have any effect to bind the Resolutions of future Parliaments on such an Event, But the Bill will give such power to a few individuals as may justify Civil Commotions.

"Those for the Bill alledge that in case of Demise without Provision by Law, whoever happens to have the infant King in Possession will have the Regal Power as by the Constitution there can be no Interregnum—that the Army being a great and formidable Body with arms in their hands, may assume unconstitutional Powers, and that the People and now great Part deciplined will not readyly nor tamely yeild to such

assumed unjustifyed claims, will resist, and consequently draw on bad if not fatal consequences on the Country.

"At all events our frequent prayers and wishes must be for the long continuance of his present Majesty untill his son at least be taught the true Interest of his and this Kingdom which are so happyly united in his family, that the publick anxiety seems at present how to perpetuate it in that happyest succession to the latest posterity, but about the means men at present are devided. Thro' your means I request this may be communicated to my Constituents, whose wellfare shall ever be my study. I am, Sir, yr most obed' humble ser'

Tho. Foster."

"To the Worshipfull The Mayor of Dorchester."
"Free, J. Foster."

Postmarks

C. 27.

Papers relating to the election of Members for the Borough of Dorchester. B. 56.

1. "A Poll taken at the Shirehall within the Borough aforesaid the tenth Day of October, 1774, by and before Richard Cozens, gent., Mayor of the said Borough, by virtue of a Precept to him directed under the Seal of Office of Harvey Ekins, Esqr., Sheriff of the said County of Dorset, for electing of two Members to serve for the said Borough in the ensuing Parliament." Pp. 8.

CANDIDATES.	VOTES RECORDED.
[William] Ewer, Esq.	232
[John] Damer	214
Anthony Chapman, Esq.	145

2. Another statement of the Poll, in alphabetical order (24 leaves), adding a list of "Mr. Damer's Out Voters" (44), and at the end—

Votes in all the Parish for paying Poor Rates in respect of their personal estate ..	50
Do. in St. Peter's Parish	81
Do. in the Holy Trinity	69
	200

3. "A Poll taken at the Shirehall within the Borough aforesaid the Eleventh Day of September, One thousand

seven hundred and eighty, by and before Edward Cozens, Gentleman, Mayor of the said Borough, by Virtue of a Precept to him directed under the Seal of Office of Peter Beckford, Esquire, Sheriff of the said County of Dorset, for electing of two Members to serve for the said Borough in the ensuing Parliament." (Book with eight leaves written on.)

CANDIDATES.	VOTES RECORDED.
The Honble. George Damer ..	.. 128
William Ewer, Esq.	.. 112
John Floyer, Esq.	.. 23

The following is the case submitted to Council, touching the election of 1774, when Anthony Chapman, the defeated candidate, and several electors petitioned against the successful candidates. See Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 359.

Borough of Dorchester.

This is a Borough by Prescription, and the last Determination of the Right of Election, is of the following Tenor :—

" 18th May, 1720. RESOLVED that the Right of electing Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset is in the *Inhabitants* of the said Borough, paying to Church and Poor in respect of their personal estates ; *and* in such *Persons* as *pay* to Church and Poor in Respect of their *real* Estates within the said Borough."

At the General Election in 1774, Wm Ewer, Esqr., John Damer, Esqr., and Anthony Chapman, Esqr., being Candidates, the two former were returned ; and Petitions having been presented by Mr. Chapman and by several Inhabitants and Electors of the Borough, the first setting forth generally that the Petitioner had a majority of legal votes, and ought to have been returned, and the other setting forth specially that divers Persons were admitted to vote, who were neither " *Inhabitants*, nor Occupiers of real Estates within the Borough," and had no right. The Petitions came on to be heard before a Committee under Mr. Grenville's Bill in Febry., 1775, and the construction of the last Determination came in Question, upon which the Committee, after hearing Counsel, came to the following Resolution :—

" RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this Committee that pursuant to the last Determination of the House of Commons, such *persons* as *pay* to Church and Poor in respect of their real Estates within the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset, tho' *not Inhabitants* or *Occupiers*, were en-

titled to vote at the last Election of Members to serve in Parliament for the said Borough."

And on this the Petitioners declined to give the Committee any further trouble, and the sitting Members were declared duly elected.

The Earl of Shaftesbury is owner of many Houses, etc., in this Borough. It has been usual to grant Leases of these Houses to Persons for *years* determinable on the deaths of the respective Lessees. On these Leases Rents were reserved somewhat below the real yearly Value of the Tenements leased, and Considerations by way of Fine were actually paid by the Lessees for the Grant of the Leases, adequate to the real beneficial Interests granted, and the Rents were received of the Undertenants for the Use of the Lessees, and accounted for to them, and they actually paid or allowed the Rates assessed to the Church and Poor, and these Rates are in Truth pretty generally allowed by Landlords of Estates in the West of England.

It happened that a considerable number of these Leases fell in before, or soon after, Lord Shaftesbury came of Age,* and since November last his Lordship has granted a Number of new Leases of this Nature, mostly to gentlemen, some of whom reside in the West of England, and some in other Places. The Fines or Considerations were fairly proportioned to the beneficial Interests granted by the Leases, and were actually paid ; and the Lessees have real Right to hold the Tenements according to the Leases. The Tenements are let, of course, to Undertenants resident in the Borough, on the terms that the Rates to the Church and Poor shall be paid by their Landlords (vizt) those who hold the Leases immediately of Lord Shaftesbury. One Rent Day at least will happen between the Dates of the Leases and the general Election. The Rents will be (or perhaps have been) received by an Agent at Dorchester, who will pay the Rates to the Church and Poor for the Landlords (vizt) Those who hold the Leases immediately of Lord Shaftesbury, and account for and pay the net Surplus Rents ; and Lord Shaftesbury will neither have Right to receive, nor will in fact receive, more than the Rents reserved to him from his Lessees.

It is to be observed that the words of the Resolution are " Persons who pay to Church and Poor in Respect of their

* Anthony Ashley-Cooper, 5th Earl, born in 1761, succeeded to the title in 1771.

real estates within the said Borough." Now the Interests granted by these Leases, tho' Chattles Real, as partaking of the Realty, are not what is, strictly speaking, understood by the terms *Real* Estate, but are in truth, Personal Estate, and yet may well be within the Meaning of the Words *Real Estate*, as used in the Resolution, and the late Mr. Dunning, who gave two opinions on the subject, was in the latter, and upon Reconsideration, of that Opinion. However, as in a Case of this Nature, it may be advisable to remove even all Colour of Doubt, if there be any, and if it can now be properly obviated, you are desired to give your Opinion.

Question.—Whether the Interests of the Lessees under these Leases are clearly real Estates within the Meaning of the Resolution. And if you should entertain any Doubt upon this Point, you will please further to advise whether (as another Rent Day probably will not happen before the General Election, tho' perhaps Poors Rates and Church Rates may be collected) it would be advisable for the Lessees to surrender these Leases and for Lord Shaftesbury to grant (by Lease and Release) freehold estates to the respective Lessees during their respective Lives, or whether upon the whole it is better to rest upon the present Leases ?

Answer.—I think this Question must depend very much upon the Usage of the Borough at the Time of the last Determination in 1720 and since. If that Usage has been to receive the Votes of such Lessees for long Terms determinable on their Lives who paid to the Church and Poor, tho' not Inhabitants or actual Occupiers, I am of Opinion that they will be held to be within the second Member of the Resolution, altho' in legal Language a Term for Years, however long or however beneficial, cannot be called the Lessees *real Estate*. If on the Contrary the Usage has been only to admit Persons having *freehold* Interests, under that last Clause of the Resolution, I think such Usage will govern in the Construction of the Resolution, and on that Supposition the Lessees in Question will not be intitled to vote, and therefore I should, in that Case, think it advisable to convert the Terms into Freeholds, in the Manner here suggested.

Further state—It is not perhaps improbable but that, in Case of a Contest, it may be objected that these Leases are occasional. The Fact, however, is that they are real, actual and *bona-fide* Leases, which the Lessees have paid for, and have a Right to hold against Lord Shaftesbury, And

tho' it may be urged that they were granted and purchased with a View to the Right of Voting, yet there being no Law to prevent a man from purchasing Property which gives a Right of Voting and as we are not aware that this Right of Voting falls within any of the regulating Statutes, it is hoped that no Objection on the Ground of Occasionality can prevail. Your Opinion, however, is requested.

Question.—Whether Votes given by the Holders of these Leases actually paying to Church and Poor, be good and valid Votes? Note, it is understood that, as the Assessments are now made out, the Names of the Landlords are not inserted, But they do in fact pay or allow the Rates, *vide* Case of King against Cosens, Douglas' Reports, fo. 410. And Note, this being a Borough by Prescription, the Right of Voting existed before the present Poor Laws, and consequently before the present Mode of Assessment existed.—And whatever Rate of Assessment or Payment was antiently in Use, and however since altered by Statute, it is presumed that no subsequent Statute, however varying the Mode of Assessment, can be construed to vary or affect the Right of Voting, or prevent a Landlord from taking upon himself the *Payment* of the Rates if he chuses it.

Answer.—I must here refer to my answer to the first Query. But I am of Opinion that no Objection on the Ground of Occasionality will be valid against these Votes, and that the actual Payment to the Church and poor Rates (without the Insertion of the Names in the Rates) will be sufficient.

Sylv^r Douglas,

Lincolns Inn, May 11th, 1790.

Endorsed "(Dorchester). Case with Mr. Douglas's Opinion." B. 56.

5. A list of voters living 3rd June, 1824, who voted at the Dorchester Election, 18th June, 1790.

A list of forty-two names, with their votes, on a small piece of paper.

High Stewards of the Borough.

The earliest mention of their names occurs among the witnesses to the documents enrolled in the Domesday.

John Mohun, Esq., is found in No. 511, 14 Edward IV., 1474; No. 514, 15 Edward IV., 1476; No. 512, 16 Edward IV.,

1476; and No. 545, 17 Edward IV., 1478 (when he is called Mawyn).

WILLIAM MARTYN, Esq., occurs in No. 526, 22 Edward IV., 1482; No. 552, 5 Henry VII., 1489; No. 548, 7 Henry VII., 1492; No. 549, 14 Henry VII., 1499; and No. 570, 15 Henry VII., 1500.

THOMAS TRENCHARD, Knt., occurs in No. 574, 27 Henry VIII., 1535.

Neither Martyn nor Trenchard are given in the list in Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 362.

CHARLES, DUKE OF RICHMOND AND LENOX. 1660, Nov. 9. "The towne seale was afixed to the instrument which was presented to the honorable Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox, by which instrument he was invested heigh Steward of this Borough, and was soe chosen by the maior part of this Company vpon Fryday last." C. 15.

1663-4, January 15. "This day was ordered that Mr. Wm. Wade, the present Towne Steward, shall pay vnto Mr. Edward Dashwood Five pounds for intertaining the Duke of Richmond and Lenox at his house." C. 15.

THOMAS FREKE, Esq., of Shroton, D.L., M.P., elected 1st September, 31 Charles II., 1679. Dorchester Domesday, No. 700.

JOHN, DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, is elected in room of Thomas Freke, Esq., decd., Dec. 22, 1701. C. 7. Enrolment in the Domesday, 23rd January, 13 William III., 1701-2. No. 701.

1702, November 2. Thomas Freke, Esq., gave by his will £50 to the Poor of Dorchester, which has been lately received. This is to be applied to "the binding out of poore children to some trades," as also £20 paid by the Duke of Newcastle to the use of the poor. C. 7.

1704, January 26. £33, given by the Duke of Newcastle, is divided equally between the three Dorchester parishes. C. 7.

THOMAS STRANGWAYS, Esq., of Melbury Sampford, is chosen High Steward in room of the Duke of Newcastle, decd., July 23, 1711. C. 7. The deed poll of this appointment is B. 46.

THOMAS STRANGWAYS, Esq., of Melbury Sampford, is chosen in room of his father, decd., May 5, 1714. C. 7.

ROBERT BROWNE, the elder, Esq., of Frampton, is elected in room of Thomas Strangways, Esq., decd., Dec. 14, 1726. C. 7. (The deed poll is B. 48.)

ROBERT BROWNE, Esq., is elected in room of his father, 1734.

ANTHONY, EARL OF SHAFTESBURY, elected in room of Robert Browne, of Frampton, decd., April 28, 1757. C. 27.

JOSEPH, LORD MILTON, elected in place of Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury, December 14, 1771. C. 27.

HON. CROPLEY ASHLEY, elected in room of Joseph, Earl of Dorchester, decd., Feb. 26, 1798. C. 42*a*.

This office ceased to exist on the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act.

MAYORS.

A list of the Mayors of Dorchester is to be found in Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 354 *seq.*, so that it is unnecessary here to add more than some brief notes on points of interest. Between 1647 and 1656 the dates of entering office do not appear to be quite accurately given. The following corrections may be made (C. 12) :—

Oct. 6, 1647. Mr. Mayor Blachford.
Oct. 2, 1648. Mr. Gilbert Loder chosen Mayor.
Oct. 1, 1649. Mr. Josias Terry chosen Mayor.
Oct. 4, 1650. "Cor'[coram] Mr. Maior Burie."
Oct. 6, 1651. Mr. Richard Savage chosen Mayor.
Oct. 4, 1652. Mr. George Cole chosen Mayor.
Oct. 3, 1653. Mr. Henry Maber chosen Mayor.
Oct. . ., 1654. No minute of election.
Oct. 1, 1655. Mr. John Bushrod chosen Mayor.
Oct. 6, 1656. Mr. Gilbert Loder chosen Mayor.

The following enumeration carries on to the present day the list of Mayors given in the last edition of Hutchins' *Dorset*—

1865 John Petty Aldridge
1866 George Curme
1867 George Curme
1868 John Francis Hodges
1869 John Francis Hodges
1870 Thomas Bennett
1871 Robert Damer
1872 George John Gregory Gregory
1873 George John Gregory Gregory
1874 Edwin Burnett
1875 Alfred Emson
1876 Henry Lock
1877 John Petty Aldridge
1878 Alfred Pope
1879 William Durden
1880 William Durden
1881 Alfred Emson
1882 Henry Durden
1883 Henry Durden
1884 George John Gregory Gregory
1885 George John Gregory Gregory
1886 Alfred Pope

1887	Arthur Henry Lock	1896	James Paine
1888	Arthur Henry Lock	1897	William Pope Genge
1889	Henry Anthony Huxtable	1898	George Davis
		1899	George Davis
1890	Edward Robert Pearce Edgecumbe	1900	George Davis
		1901	Stephen Davis Allen
1891	William Tilley	1902	Stephen Davis Allen
1892	George Davis	1903	Elias William Kerr
1893	George Davis	1904	Joseph Whittle Fudge
1894	George John Gregory Gregory	1905	Ernest William Young
		1906	Ernest William Young
1895	James Paine	1907	Alfred Rolph Pope

Several Mayors died in office, thus:

1708, Sept. 24. Thomas Delacourt, Mayor, died this day, and Thomas Seward chosen in his place, till the new election. C. 7.

1710, Dec. 26. Henry Whiffen, gent., Mayor, died this day, and Andrew Purchase chosen to succeed him until the Monday after Michaelmas next. C. 7.

1729, Dec. 12. Zachary Nelson, gent., elected Mayor, in room of Laurence Snooke, Mayor, decd. C. 7.

1751, Sept. 30. Richard Cooper and William Bryer, received five votes each for the office of Mayor, and Samuel Stanning and John Pitman, five votes each for office of Senior Bailiff; Hence, no election took place, and George Arden, the existing Mayor, served for two years. C. 27.

1755, March 17. William Bryer elected Mayor in room of Francis Purchase, decd. C. 27.

Refusal to serve as Mayor when elected.

1653, Oct. 3. Mr. James Gould, a Capital Burgess, having been elected one of the Bailiffs in Oct., 1644, 1645, and 1650, and refused to serve, and this day elected Mayor, and refuses to undertake the office, is summoned to attend on Friday next, on pain of being removed from his place of Capital Burgess.

1654, Aug. 24. Mr. Philip Stansby chosen Capital Burgess in place of Mr. James Gould, removed. C. 9.

Mayor's Salary and Expenses.

1666, Apl. 6. The Town Steward to pay Mr. Dashwood, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Robert Napper, the preceding Mayors, £10 a piece for their office mony out of Mr. Maximilian Gollop's

fine, paid for inserting his life and that of Mary, his wife, and a third life, in a house. C. 15.

1743-4, January 6. "It was agreed and ordered that the present Town Steward do pay unto the present Mayor, and all former Mayors who are at present of the Corporation and who have served for the said Burrough, ten pounds for each of their Mayoraltys, and the same shall be allowed in his accounts, and all future Stewards for the Corporation are to take notice of this as a General Order." C. 27.

1766, 4 Dec. "The Income to support the Office of Mayor of this Borough appears to be as follow, vizt.:

	£	s.	d.
For the Rent of the Markets, etc.	15	0	0
For the Sheep Fairs	16	0	0
Lord's Rents of the Butcher Shops, about ..	12	0	0
The Burgage Rate (as pd. to the Mayor) ..	3	0	0
The annual Payment from the Corporation ..	10	0	0
	56	0	0
Out of which there is an annual Quit Rent paid to the Crown of	20	2	0
	£35	18	0

"Therefore in Order to save the Mayor the trouble of collecting and paying the above Sums It is resolved and agreed that the same shall for the future be done by the Town Steward for the Time being, who is to account to the Corporation for the same. And it is also agreed that the Town Steward shall annually pay to the Mayor of the said Borough for the Time being the clear sum of Thirty-six Pounds which shall be allowed the Town Steward in his Accounts with the Corporation, which said sum of Thirty-six Pounds is in order to defray all the Expences the Mayor shall be at in the execution of his office." C. 27.

1766, Dec. 4. "It being found inconvenient and unnecessary for the Mayor to have a publick Feast at the Lady Day Court Leet It is resolved and agreed that for the future untill further order that the Mayor shall not at the Lady Day Court Leet give a publick Feast, but instead thereof shall give an Entertainment at his own House to the Corporation and the Rectors of the Parishes only, and that no other Person be invited." C. 27.

1779, Aug. 13. £14 allowed to Mr. Richard Cozens, who in his Mayoralty in 1774, "was put to an extraordinary expense in being obliged to attend the Committee of the House of Commons at Westminster on occasion of the Petition of Anthony Chapman, Esqr." C. 27.

1779, Aug. 13. "Whereas the allowance to the Mayor of this Borough for the time being was on the Fourth Day of December, 1766, settled at £36 a year, It is resolved and agreed that such allowance be increased to the sum of £50 a year, to be allowed the late Mayor, Mr. Robert Willis, the present Mayor, Mr. William Gundry, and to all future Mayors of this Borough, to defray the expences of that office." C. 27.

1808, Jan. 6. Agreed that the Allowance in future to be made to the Mayor for the expences of the Jury at his yearly Feast shall not exceed the sum of Ten guineas. C. 42*a*.

1819, Sept. 29. At a Meeting of the Corporation this Day it is agreed that the Dinner on the Election of Mayor this Year shall be at the King's Arms and the Dinner at the Sessions at the Antelope, and next year at the Election of Mayor at the Antelope, and at the Sessions at the King's Arms and so to continue alternately for the succeeding years until it shall be otherwise agreed. C. 42*a*.

1820, Oct. 3. At a Meeting of the Corporation It was agreed to abolish the Custom of the Mayor giving a Breakfast and other entertainment at his House on Sundays at the entering on and quitting his office, and that in lieu thereof the Mayor to give a Dinner or Supper at his House on some other Day of the Week, but that the Corporation going in Procession to Church be continued as usual. C. 42*a*.

1829, July 20. Ordered that every future Mayor be paid the sum of Twenty Pounds towards the expence of his Grand Jury Dinner, by the Town Steward out of the Funds of the Corporation. C. 42*a*.

[The last two minutes are on loose pieces of paper.]

The Mayor's Seat in St. Peter's Church.

1652, Oct. 29. "It is ordered that from hence forward the precedent Mayor shall be desired to sitt in seate with Mr. Mayor at Peter's church at all times, especially the Sabboth dayes." C. 12.

The Mayor's Oath, 1st October, 1649.

"The oath of Mayoraltie taken by Mr. Josias Terry when he was chosen Mayor and sworne. I doe sweare that I will be faithful in performance of the office of Mayor of this Borough vntill another shall be sworne in my place, and will do all things appertaining to the sayd office. And that as Justice of peace of the said Borough I will do equal right to the pore and to the rich, after my Cunning, witt and power, and after the lawes of the land. And I will not be of Counsel of any quarrel hanging before me. And I will take nothing for my office of Justice of the Peace to be don but fees accustomed and Costs limited by the Statute. And I will not direct, nor cause to be directed any Warrant (by me to be made) to the partyes, but I will direct them to the officers of the sayd Borough or other indifferent persons to do execution thereof. So helpe me God, &c." C. 9.

The Mayor's Oath, temp. Queen Anne.

"You shall swear that you well and truly shall serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne and her Leige people in the office of a Mayor and as Mayor of this Towne and Burrough of Dorchester for and dureing the space of one whole year now next ensueing and vntill another shall be sworn in your Place. You shall minister equal justice as well to the poor as to the rich to the best of your cunning, witt and power, and you shall diligently procure such things to be done as may honestly and justly be to the profitt and commodity of the Corporation of this Town. You shall support, vphold and maintain the Customs, Rights, Priviledges, Liberties, Jurisdiccions, Franchises and all lawfull ordinances of this Towne and Burrough, and as concerning all other things appertaining to your office you shall herein faithfully and uprightly behave your selfe. Soe help you God." C. 26. (*See also* B. 35*a*.)

The Bayliffes must take the like oath, only changing *Mayor* for *Bailiffes*, and both Mayor and Bailiffes must take the oaths following:

"You shall swear that as Justice of the Peace within this Burrough of Dorchester you shall do equall right to the poor and to the rich to the best of your cunning, witt and power, and according to the Laws and Customes of this Realme and Statutes thereof made. You shall not be of Councell with any person in any Quarrell hanging afore you, and that you hold your Sessions after the forme of the Statutes thereof

made. You shall take nothing for your Office of Justice of the Peace to be done but of the Queen and Fees accustomed and costs limited by the Statute, and you shall not direct or cause to be directed any Warrant by you to be made to the Parties but to the Constables of this Burrough or other the Queen's officers or ministers or other indifferent persons to do execution thereof. Soe help you God." C. 26.
[Also oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.]

Oath for a Capital Burgess.

"You shall swear that at all times from henceforth as long as you shall be and continue a Capitall Burgesse and of the Common Councill of the Burrough of Dorchester you shall, as much as in you lyeth, observe and keep and according to your power maintain and defend the Liberties, Priviledges, and lawful Customes of the said Burrough and all things touching and concerning the office and place of a Capitall Burgesse and one of the Common Councill of the said Burrough You shall, as farr as you are able, justly and honestly doe, execute and discharge. So help you God."

The like Oath for the Governor and Common Councell men: when either is sworne, the oaths above to the Queen must be taken. C. 26.

BAILIFFS.

The list of Bailiffs which appears in Hutchins' *Dorset*, Third Edition, Vol. iii., p. 354, needs some correction, as may be gathered from a careful examination of the documents enrolled in the "Domesday." These are now given with the reference number of the enrolment. Hutchins' list also stops in the year 1797. It is here continued until the office was abolished by the Municipal Corporations Act. C. 42*a*.

1528-9.	Nicholas Perham, John Aden	..	573
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1534-5.	John James, William Stone, jun.	..	574
1535-6.	Lawrence Balner, John Stratford	..	577
1536-7.	William Stone, sen., Walter Thomas	..	577
1537-8.	Reginald Rawlyn, John Aden	..	578
1538-9.	Walter Thomas, Robert Snellynge	..	588
1539-40.	Roger Howell, William Stone, jun.	..	579
1540-1.	John James, John Churchill	..	583
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1543-4.	John Aden, William Palmer	..	586

1544-5.	John James, John Churchill ..	589
1545-6.	Reginald Rawlyn, Richard Perham ..	592
1546-7.	John James, Richard Waglond ..	603
1547-8.	John Churchill, John Knyghton ..	605
1548-9.	William Stone, sen., John Corbyn ..	607
1549-50.	John Stratford, Ralph Peryn ..	610
1550-1.	Walter Thomas, Robert Aden ..	617
1551-2.	Robert Snellinge, William Holman ..	627
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1553-4.	Richard Waglon, Owin Hayman ..	633
1554-5.	William Palmer, Robert Aden ..	629
1555-6.	Walter Thomas, William Hayman ..	630
1556-7(?)	John Knighton, John Palmer ..	634
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1559-60.	Walter Thomas, Nicholas Lymster *alias* Foxwell	653
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1571-2.	John Scote, John Whetston ..	668
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1576-7.	John James, William Adinn	636, *note*
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1582-3.	John Adyn, Robert Adyn ..	677
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1600-1.	John Hill, James Gould ..	682
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1633-4.	Edmunde Dashwoode, Richard Burie ..	686

2 Oct. 1797. Robert Lambert, Jun., Robert Stickland, Sen.

1 Oct. 1798. Robert Stickland, Jun., John Templeman, Sen.

30 Sept. 1799. John Templeman, Jun., Christopher Arden, Sen.

6 Oct. 1800. George Churchill, Esq., Jun., Christopher Arden, Sen.

5 Oct. 1801. Christopher Arden, Charles White.

4 Oct. 1802. Nathaniel Stickland, Jun., John Callard Manfield, Sen.

3 Oct. 1803. John Callard Manfield, Jun., Christopher Cooper, M.D., Sen.

1 Oct. 1804. Christopher Cooper, M.D., Jun., William Bower, Sen.

30 Sept. 1805. William Bower, Jun., George Churchill, Sen.

6 Oct.	1806.	Robert Pattison, Jun., George Churchill, Sen.
5 Oct.	1807.	George Churchill, Jun., Christopher Arden, Sen.
3 Oct.	1808.	Christopher Arden, Jun., Charles White, Sen.
2 Oct.	1809.	Christopher Arden, Jun., Charles White, Sen.
1 Nov.	1809.	John Templeman elected instead of Mr. C. White, now Mayor.
1 Oct.	1810.	William Bower, Jun., Christopher Cooper, M.D., Sen.
30 Sept.	1811.	Robert Pattison, Jun., William Bower, Sen.
5 Oct.	1812.	Charles Stickland, Jun., Robert Pattison, Sen.
4 Oct.	1813.	Charles Stickland, Christopher Arden.
3 Oct.	1814.	Charles Stickland, Christopher Arden.
2 Oct.	1815.	Christopher Arden, Morgan Yeatman.
30 Sept.	1816.	Morgan Yeatman, Thomas Bower.
6 Oct.	1817.	Thomas Bower, Thomas Gould Read.
5 Oct.	1818.	Thomas Gould Read, Nathaniel Stickland.
4 Oct.	1819.	Nathaniel Stickland, Christopher Cooper, M.D.
2 Oct.	1820.	Christopher Cooper, M.D., William Bower.
1 Oct.	1821.	William Bower, Charles Stickland.
30 Sept.	1822.	Charles Stickland, Christopher Arden.
6 Oct.	1823.	Christopher Arden, Sen., Morgan Yeatman, Jun.
4 Oct.	1824.	Morgan Yeatman, Thomas Bower.
3 Oct.	1825.	Thomas Bower, Esquire, John Burnet, Esquire.
2 Oct.	1826.	John Burnet, Esquire, Joseph Clapcott, Esquire.
1 Oct.	1827.	Joseph Clapcott, Thomas Gould Read.
6 Oct.	1828.	Thomas Gould Read, Christopher Cooper.
5 Oct.	1829.	Christopher Cooper, Charles Stickland.
4 Oct.	1830.	Charles Stickland, Christopher Arden.
3 Oct.	1831.	Christopher Arden, Morgan Yeatman.
1 Oct.	1832.	Morgan Yeatman, Thomas Bower.
30 Sept.	1833.	Thomas Bower, Joseph Clapcott.
6 Oct.	1834.	John Burnet, Joseph Clapcott.

Recorders.

Sir George Trenchard, sen., Knt., appointed first Recorder of the Borough by the Charter of James I., June 26th, 1610. Resigned, January 14th, 1610-11. The following is his deed of resignation :—

"To all men, to whome these presents shall come, Sr George Trenchard of Wolveton, in the County of Dorset, Knight, sendeth greeting. Whereas hee, the said Sr George Trenchard, doth now hold and enioy the place and office of Recorder of the Borough of Dorchester in the County aforesaid, and was thervnto ordeyned and nomynated by the King's Majesty's Letters Patents, lately graunted and made to the said Borough, by which the Bayliffs and Burgesses of the said Borough were incorporated, and made a Body Politique, as by the same letters patents may better appeare.

And wheras hee, the said Sr George Trenchard, by reason of his remote residence, and dwelling can not be soe farr assistant vnto the said Borough and the Inhabitants therof as hee desireth, and hartely wisheth: Know yee therfore, That hee, the said Sr George Trenchard, out of the greate desire that hee hath to benefitt the said Towne and to procure the good Goverment therof soe farre as in him lieth, which hee conceiveth cannot by anye meanes bee soe redely effected, as by enabling them to make election of some other fitt person to supply the said place and office, which dwelleth nigh vnto them, and may vpon all occasions aide and assist them in their affaires Hath therfore, for the consideracions aforesaid, surrendred, quitted, and yelded vp, And doth by these presents surrender and yeld vpp the said office, and all fees, pencions and annuyties to the same incident or appertayning, or which hee, the said Sr George Trenchard, hath, or enioyeth by Graunt from the said Borough or the said Corporacion, and doth heerby leave the said Bailiffs, Burgesses and Townesmen, to whome the same shall appertayne, freely to proceede to a new election of an other person to bee their Recorder and officer in the said place. In witnes wherof the said Sr George Trenchard hath heervnto put his hand and seale the Fowerteenth day of January, in the Yeares of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Lord James, by the grace of god, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defendor of the faith, &c., That is to saie of England, France and Ireland the Eighth, And of Scotland the Fower and Fortith, 1610.

Georg. Trenchard."

Seal of red wax, obliterated.

Endorsed, "Sr George Trenchard, Knight, his resignacion of Recordership." B. 19.

Francis Ashley, Esq., elected January 19th, 1610-11, and also appointed by the Charter of Charles I., Septem-

ber 22nd, 1629, when he was Serjeant-at-law. His appointment runs in the following terms :—

"OMNIBUS ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorset' salutem in Domino sempiternam. SCIATIS nos prefatos Ballivos et Burgenses Burgi de Dorchester predicti pro meliori gubernacione et regimine Burgi predicti et pro auxilio nobis in hac parte impendendo et pro diversis alijs causis et consideracionibus nos specialiter moventibus DEDISSE concessisse et hac presenti Charta nostra confirmasse Francisco Ashley, armigero, officium Recordatoris Burgi predicti, Ac prefatum Franciscum Recordatorem nostrum constituisse et per presentes ordinasse ad exequenda et perficienda per seipsum vel per sufficientem deputatum suum in Burgo predicto omnia et singula que ad officium Recordatoris pertinent. HABENDUM tenendum exercendum et occupandum Officium predictum cum pertinenciis per se vel per sufficientem deputatum suum pro termino vite ipsius Francisci Ashley. ET vlterius sciatis nos prefatos Ballivos et Burgenses Burgi predicti dedisse concessisse et presenti scripto nostro confirmasse prefato Francisco Ashley et assignatis suis pro officio predicto exercendo et occupando quandam Annuitatem sive annualem Redditum Quatuor marcarum bone et legalis monete Anglie exeuntem de et ex omnibus terris, tenementis et hereditamentis nostris in Comitatu predicto, ad festum Annunciacionis beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Michaelis Archiangeli per equales porciones durante tota vita naturali predicti Francisci Ashley, per nos vel per manus Receptoris vel aliorum officiariorum nostrorum annuatim solvendum. ET vlterius convenimus et concedimus per presentes quod si contingat predictam Annuitatem sive annualem Redditum Quatuor marcarum vel aliquam inde parcellam aretro fore insolutum ad aliquod festum festorum predictorum in quo (vt prefertur) solvi debeat, quod tunc et deinceps bene liceat et licebit prefato Francisco Ashley et assignatis suis in omnia et singula terras, tenementa et hereditamenta nostra predicta intrare et distringere, et districtiones, sic ibidem captas et habitas, licite asportare, effugare et penes se retinere donec prefatus Franciscus Ashley et assignati sui de predicta Annuitate sive Annuali Redditu, cum omnibus arreragijs (si que fuerint) plenarie sit satisfactus et persolutus. IN CUIUS rei testimonium sigillum nostrum Commune presentibus apponi fecimus. Datum in Gildhalda Burgi predicti Decimo Nono die Januarij,

Anno regnorum domini nostri Jacobi Dei gratia Anglie Scocie Francie et Hibernie Regis, fidei defensoris, &c., viz., Anglie, Francie et Hibernie Octavo, et Scocie Quadragesimo Quarto, 1610."

Circular seal of red wax, with a shield bearing three lions passant. Legend, ✠ S. COMMUNITATIS BVRGI DORCHESTRIE.

Obverse side of the seal: Head of King, crowned, within a quatrefoil. Legend, ✠ CAPVT DOMINI EDWARDI REGIS ANGLIE.

"Sealed and delivered by the mutual assent and consent of the Baillives and Burgesses, whose names are subscribed, vizt.

Mathew Chubbe, Jo. Parkins,	Bayllives.	Henry Whittell, Richard Blachford,	Justices.
John Greene.		James Golde.	
John Yeatt.		Olyver Hayne.	
Richard Barker.		John Govld.	
Will'm Miller.		Nycholas Vawter.	
W. Whitaker.		Josephe Eayres."	

Endorsed "Patent de Dorchest' pro offitio Recordat' Cum feodo 4 mercarum." B. 20.

HENRY ROLLE, Esq. "1635, Dec. 1. Memorand. that whereas it hath pleased God to take to himself our late worthy Recorder Sir Francyes Ashley, Knight, and Kings S'rieant at Law, and being now without a Recorder,

We whose names vnder written doe with one voyce and free consent elect and chuse for Recorder of this Towne of Dorchester in the County of Dorset Henry Roll, Esquire, of Devon, Counsellor at Law, to be and enjoye the said place, according to the King's Majestyes Charter vnto vs granted in that behalf. Witness our hands the day and year aboue written.

Denis Bond Maior.		W. Whiteway, James Gould, 1635,	Baylyfs.
Jo. Perkins,	Wm. Jolyff	Richard Sauage	
Edmonde Dashwoode	Henry Maber	Ric' Burie."	
Richard Blachford			

The Grant of the Recordership is dated 27th January, 11 Charles [1635-6], and in it the grantee is termed "Henry Rolle of the Inner Temple, London, Esq." He is to be paid at Michaelmas yearly the ancient fee of four marks. On

4th March, 1635-6, he took the oath of a Recorder, Justice of Peace, and oaths of allegiance and supremacy. C. 9.

1637, Dec. 15. "It is put to bee considered on Friday in the Chrismas weeke next what will bee fitt to send to Mr. Recorder as a present against his reading in Lent next." C. 12.

1637-8, Jan. 26. "It is ordered that there shall be paid to Mr. Rr. by Mr. Derby as a present, bicause we can get no fish, x^{li}, and he shall be allowed againe." C. 12.

MR. WILLIAM HUSSEY, Counsellor at Law, elected Recorder in place of Mr. Justice Role, late Recorder. May 3, 1647. C. 9.

"The copie of Mr. William Hussey's letter in order to the relinquishing or surrendering of the Recordership of this Borough."

"Worthy Gentlemen and my ever honored friends,

"In Answere to yours of the 16 instant, your first election of me to do you service in the office of your Recorder was the fruit of your owne goodnes without any meritt of mine, And if enforcing occasions necessitate you to lay him aside whome your former good opinions have thought well of and still do, I should shew myself very vngrateful not to submitt to your plesures and wisdome. Your priuiledge is yet your owne, and for any thing I know to the Contrary may so continue. But if you distrust your owne strength and integrity of your owne Cause, I shall submitt to your owne wille to do what god shall direct you. Only giue me leave to say that since I vnderstood what belongs to order and government I have ever honored Dorchester as a place scarce admitting a second, and surely whosoeuer shall attempt to ouerthrow such a gouernment cannot but have it a Corrosiue long vndigested vpon his stomack. Your owne wills in a Case of this Nature are a Law to mee, and therefore, Gentelmen, do as you please, Only I shall rest assured of your loves and welwishings, and you shall ever find me till I ceas to have a being, Sr, your vnfeyned servant,

Will: Hussey."

Shaston, 17 Decemb., 1661. C. 9.

WILLIAM CONSTANTINE, Esq. "1661-2, Jan. 1. This day this Company hath proceeded to change their Recorder (having lately received a letter from Mr. Hussey our late Recorder that if wee saw it fitt hee was contented wee should lay him

aside), and haue chosen William Constantine, esq., Counsellor at Law to be our Recorder in the place and steed of Mr. William Hussey, and that hee shall have the fee accustomed.

Josiah Terry, Maior." [and others]. C. 9.

1662, April 14. "This day Mr. Will'm Constantine our Recorder did take the oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath of Justice of peace for this Borough and the oath of Recorder and freeman the same which the Capital Burgesses take, *mutatis mutandis*." C. 15.

MR. DAWBNY WILLIAMS. "Right Honble, wee are informed that Sr William Constantine, our late Recorder, is departed this lyfe, and when your Lo'pp was pleased to honour this place with your presence your Lo'pp hinted your desires to some of the Company of haueing Mr. Dawbney Williams to succeede Sr William Constantine; this hath byn Considered of and in respect Mr. Williams, who formerly was made a Freeman and then freely elected to be of the Common Councill in Order to his eleccion for a Capitall Burgesse, did refuse to come in and take his Oath, but especially considering those graue and worthy persons that have preceded Sr Wm. Constantine as Sr Francis Ashley, the Lord Rolles and others, and considering that this place is the most principle Corporacion in this County and yet wants noe enemyes abroad or at home (but friends as many as wee can obteyne) which wee would endeavour to gett and hope your Lo'pp will not vppon the Consideracions aforesaid take it amisse from vs yf wee pitch vppon some other person that, as our Condicion now stands, may be more for our advantage. Assureing your Lo'pp that wee are, Your honors

most humble servants.

Dorchester, the 10th of Oct., 1670." C. 9.

[This is not signed, nor is the person addressed mentioned.]

1671, May 12. "This day Mr. Daubney Williams was sworne Recorder of this Borough and Justice of peace, and tooke the oathes appoynted by the Statute made 13 Regis, and subscribed the declaracion conteyned in the said Act." C. 15. [This Recorder is not mentioned in Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 361.]

MR. HUGH HODGES, 1683; made Serjeant at Law, 28 Apl. 1686.

SIR ROBERT NAPIER, Knt. and Bart. 1693, Sept. 15. "Mr. Srt: Hodges the late Recorder of this Borough being dead, Wee whose names are herevnder written doe elect Sr Robert Napier, Knight and Barrt. to be Recorder in his Steede.

John Gollop	Tho: Delacourt, Mayor
John Oldis	Max: Gollop
George Lester	James Gould
Tho. Blandford	Alexander Hauelland
Richard Churchill.	

C. 7.

SIR JOHN DARNELL, Knt. "1700-1, January 10. Richard Waddon, Esq., elected in room of Sir Rob. Napier, decd., but on his refusal, Sir John Darnell, one of his Mat's sergts att Law was chosen 13 Jan., 1700-1." C. 7.

DENNIS BOND, Esq., elected in the room of Sr John Darnell, Knt., decd., Aug. 1., 1707. C. 7.

JOHN BROWNE, Esq., K. Counsel, and M.P. for Dorchester, elected in place of Denis Bond, Esq., decd., May 21, 1747. (Sworn in, 26 Sept., 1747.) C. 27.

JOHN FLOYER, Esq., Barrister at Law, elected in place of John Browne, Esq., decd., Aug. 29, 1750. (Sworn, 5 Sept., 1750.) C. 27.

JOHN BOND, Esq., Barrister at Law, chosen in place of John Floyer, Esq., decd., Sept. 27, 1756. (Sworn, 4 Oct., 1756.) C. 27.

J. Bond's Letter.

30 Nov., 1781.

"Sir,

"It gave me the utmost concern that I was prevented from attending my duty as usual at your Mich^s Sessions. In the Charters of most other Corporations, the Recorder has a Power of appointing a Deputy, by which the inconvenience arising from his absence is easily obviated.

"Fortunately, this inconvenience has never been experienced before, during the many years I have had the honour of holding that office; But I have now reached a period of Life, more liable to infirmities, and from my present condition, future disappointments of the same sort may naturally be expected. It is with regret, I must own, that I am necessitated to quit a Connection, in which I have long been happy, and to relinquish an office I have ever esteemed an Honor. But, circumstanced as I am, sensible of its present Impropriety, I must no longer indulge a wish to retain it.

I therefore beg the favour of you to communicate these sentiments to the Gentlemen of your Corporation, with my resolution of resigning that office—assuring them of my most grateful sense of all their past Favours and my sincerest wishes for their future uninterrupted Prosperity and Happiness. I am, with great regard, Sir, your most obliged and faithfull humble Servt,

John Bond.

Grange, Nov. 28, 1781.
To the Worshipfull the Mayor of Dorchester."

The Mayor's Reply.

"The Guildhall of the Borough
of Dorchester, 3d December, 1781.

Sir,

I was favoured with your Letter of the 28th of last month, containing Sentiments of much Respect and Kindness for the Corporation of this Borough, in which you acquaint me with the necessity you find yourself under of resigning the office of Recorder on account of the impaired state of your Health.

Without delay I communicated your Letter to my Brethren at a publick Hall convened for that Purpose, and I have it in charge from them to assure you of the great Concern we all feel in being deprived of that Integrity, and of those Abilities from which we have derived so much Benefit during a Course of Twenty-five years. We more particularly regret the Cause, which compells you to adopt this Resolution.

On this Occasion we think we cannot better express the sense we entertain of the Obligations we lie under to you for your faithfull and able discharge of that office, than by nominating as your successor one, who, we have reason to believe, will be agreeable to you, and whose abilities will do you no discredit—a young gentleman whose general Learning, whose engaging manners and whose merit in his Profession promise to us the best Compensation for the Loss we now sustain; who, as he derives Honour from, will (we flatter ourselves) reflect it upon his Predecessor in office. Need I say that this young gentleman is your son, Mr. Nathaniel Bond?

From the long connection which has subsisted between your Family and the Corporation of this Borough in the Department of Recorder, which they have so ably filled for not less than Sixty-Four Years in the present century. We

cannot but express our joy that there is still a Bond to adorn that office.

Accept, Sir, of our united and earnest wishes for the Reestablishment of your Health.

I am, with the greatest Respect,
Sir, Your most faithfull and obliged
humble Servant,
C. 27. W. Davis, Mayor."

NATHANIEL BOND, of the Inner Temple, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, elected Recorder, 3 Dec., 1781, in place of his father, John Bond, Esq., resigned 28 Nov., 1781. (Sworn, 14 Jan., 1782.) C. 27.

1806, Dec. 22. William Bower, Esquire, Mayor, produced a letter from the Rt. Hon. Nathaniel Bond, Recorder, resigning that office, which resignation is accepted, and a Meeting to be held on Monday, 29th Dec., inst. to elect a Recorder in his room. C. 42*a*.

Letter of Mr. Bond.

"New Norfolk Street, Decr 20th, 1806.

Sir—As it is very improbable that I shall be able to attend your next Sessions and the Charter of your Borough has provided no Remedy for my Absence but the Resignation of my Office, it is with Regret that I must request you to lay before the Corporation of Dorchester my Resignation of the Office of Recorder.

Tho' I shall cease to be a Member of your Body I cannot cease to retain a just sense of the Honor conferred upon me by the Appointment, nor can I be unmindfull of a long and hereditary connection with the Corporation and Town of Dorchester, which will at all Times dispose me to use any Means within my Power to support their Interests.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, Your most Obedient and
Obliged Servant,
Nat. Bond.

To the Mayor of Dorchester."

1806, Dec. 29. "The Thanks of this Corporation are given to our late worthy Recorder, The Right Honorable Nathaniel Bond, for his able faithfull and upright execution of his office to the satisfaction of this Borough during a course of Twenty-five years, and It is ordered that the Town Clerk do transmit these Thanks to him accordingly."

"Guildhall, Dorchester, Decr 30th, 1806.

Sir.—I have taken the earliest opportunity of procuring a Meeting of the Corporation on your Resignation of the Office of Recorder, and we most sincerely regret the loss we have thus sustained; It however affords us satisfaction that those Abilities and Powers of Mind, from which we have received such Advantages and Assistance, are now exerted in a higher sphere to a more extensive service of our King and Country.

I am directed to request your acceptance of our unanimous and warmest Thanks for the Honorable and distinguished Manner in which you have discharged the Duties of your office during a period of Five and Twenty years, and for the kind assurance of your continued Friendship and Regard.

I have the Honor to subscribe myself,

Sir, your most obedt servant,

C. 42*a*. Wm. Bower, Mayor."

CHARLTON BYAM WOLLASTON, of the Inner Temple, London, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, is unanimously elected and chosen Recorder of the said Borough on the Resignation of the Rt. Hon. Nathaniel Bond, the late Recorder, 29 Dec., 1806. (Sworn, 30 Dec., 1806.) C. 42*a*.

The Recorder's Oath.

"You shall sweare that as long as you shall be and continue Recorder of this Borrough of Dorchester you shall as much as in you lyeth observe and keep, and according to your power maintaine and defend the Liberties, Priviledges and lawful Customes of this Burrough, and all things touching and concerning the office and place of a Recorder you shall, as farr as you are able justly, well and honestly do, execute and discharge. So help you God." C. 26.

The oath of Justice of Peace and oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy have also to be taken.

This office terminated at Dorchester on the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act.

TOWN CLERKS.

1629, Sept. 22. WILLIAM DERBY was appointed to this office by the Charter of Charles I.

1638, Nov. 9. RICHARD SKOVILE of the Borough, gent., appointed Town Clerk, to hold office until the Tuesday after Michaelmas next. C. 9.

1649, Oct. 1. Resolution to elect a Town Clerk, in the weakness of Mr. Derbie. C. 12.

1649, Oct. 16. MR. RICHARD SCOVILE chosen Town Clerk in place of Mr. William Derby, deceased.

1649, Nov. 17. Letter to Richard Scovile, offering him the place. "Though the benefit and profit of the said place be no encouragemt to you to accept of it, yet we hope the loue and respect you beare to this towne (which we conceiue you cannot choose but looke upon as your proper soyle & place of dwelling, though for a time unhappily removed by the late troubles) will invite you to embrace our choice, and respects unto you, soe farre as to overlooke such difficultyes as may discourage your returne."

1649, Nov. 30. Copy of Scovile's appointment to the office, during pleasure, for himself or his sufficient deputy.

1656, Dec. 12. "The day aboue mentioned MR. JOSEPH DERBIE of this Towne was chosen Towne Clerke in the place of Mr. Richard Scovile, which was donne by the Consent of the whole Company present." C. 15.

1676, Aug. 18. Mr. Joseph Derby displaced from being Town Clerk, and Mr. ANDREW LODER elected in his room, for, among other reasons, "neglecting attending the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses weekly, and the Justices upon taking Examinations and Recognizances, neglect of recording the Orders and proceedings of Quarter Sessions within this Borough, and keeping Court Leets, the same being entered on loose papers only and no book being kept." C. 15.

1694, Oct. 5. Richard Churchill, gent., a Capital Burgess, having withdrawn from the Borough, in order to avoid serving as Mayor this year, is removed from being a Capital Burgess, and Andrew Loder, gent., and Alderman, is chosen Mayor, and removed from being the Common Clerk, his son ROBERT LODER being appointed Clerk in his stead. C. 7.

1710-11, Jan. 5. ROBERT LODER re-elected Town Clerk, the office having become void on his being elected Capital Burgess. C. 7.

1711, Oct. 29. ROBERT COLSON elected Town Clerk in room of Robert Loder, decd. C. 7.

1713, Oct. 5. ROBERT COLSON, on vacating his Mayoralty, re-elected Town Clerk. C. 7.

1722, Oct. 1. JOHN COLSON elected Town Clerk in room of Robert Colson, his father.

1723, Oct. 4. ROBERT COLSON, late Mayor, elected Town Clerk. C. 7.

1724, Nov. 2. WALTER CROWE, gen., elected Town Clerk in room of Robert Colson, gen., decd. C. 7.

1727, Oct. 2. LAURENCE SNOOKE, gen., elected Town Clerk, in room of Walter Crowe, gen., now elected Mayor. C. 7.

1728, Sept. 30. WALTER CROWE, gent., elected Town clerk, in room of Laurence Snooke. C. 7.

1741, Sept. 25. ROBERT LODER, gent., chosen Common Clerk of the Borough, in room of Walter Crow, gent., lately deceased. C. 27.

1748, June 21. ROBERT LODER, gent., appointed Common Clerk. C. 27.

1751, Apl. 3. GEORGE COOPER, gent., chosen Junior Bailiff and Common Clerk, in place of Robert Loder, gent., decd. C. 27.

1777, Apl. 30. GEORGE STICKLAND, gent., chosen Common Clerk in room of George Cooper, gent., deceased. C. 27. [The document is extant, and numbered B. 35*a*.]

1792, June 13. GEORGE STICKLAND, the younger, gent., elected Common Clerk, in room of George Stickland, his father, resigned. (Entered in the Roll of Common Clerks in the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's office in the Exchequer, pursuant to the orders of the same Court, 1st Nov., 1792.) B. 50 and C 42*a*.

1815, Oct. 2. MR. NATHANIEL STICKLAND elected Common Clerk. C. 42*a*.

1816, Sept. 30. MR. GEORGE STICKLAND. C. 42*a*.

1824, Feb. 2. In consequence of a vacancy in the office of Town Clerk by the death of Mr. George Stickland It is agreed and resolved as follows:

"That Burn's Justice and all other Books and Acts of Parliament belonging to the Corporation be constantly kept in the Town Hall, that the Acts of Parliament as published be kept by the Mayor until the end of his Mayoralty when they are to be bound and deposited in the Town Hall with the other Books.

That in future no charge be made by the Town Clerk for attendances writing letters or transacting business for the Corporation the Feoffees of the School or Almshouse or any public Trust or Charity in which the Corporation are concerned or intrusted and that the Compensation to the Town Clerk is to arise from the regular fees of Office."

At this Meeting JOSEPH STONE, Gentleman, was chosen

Common Clerk of this Borough in room of George Stickland, gent., decd. (and sworn the same day). C. 42*a*.

1853, July 12. GILES SYMONDS.
1892, Dec. 20. HENRY SYMONDS.
1899, July 20. ARTHUR GEORGE SYMONDS.

ALDERMEN AND CAPITAL BURGESSES.

The Charter of Charles I. provided for the election of six Aldermen and six other Burgesses, who, with the Mayor and two Bailiffs, should be termed Capital Burgesses. A complete list of the Aldermen cannot now be compiled. A few of them are here given :—

Aldermen.

1733, Oct. 1. Daniel Arden *vice* Josiah Cooper, decd.
1733, Oct. 1. Renaldo Knapton *v.* Thomas Seward, decd.
1733, Oct. 1. Walter Crowe, *v.* John Gollop, decd.
1755, June 23. Daniel Arden, Richard Cooper, George Cooper, Thomas Cooper, William Bryer, John Channing.
1755, July 7. John Pitman *v.* Daniel Arden, decd.
1758, Oct. 2. George Arden *v.* John Channing, decd.
1761, Oct. 9. James Chaffey *v.* Thomas Cooper, decd.
1766, Aug. 4. William Templeman *v.* Richard Cooper, decd.
1767, Oct. 5. William Davis *v.* William Bryer, decd.
1777, Apl. 30. Robert Lambert *v.* George Arden, decd.
1777, Apl. 30. Richard Cozens *v.* George Cooper, decd.
1782, Sept. 30. William Gundry *v.* John Pitman, decd.
1782, Sept. 30. Edward Cozens *v.* James Chaffey, decd.

The foregoing are from C. 27, the following from C. 42*a* :—

1794, July 22. Robert Stickland *v.* William Gundry, decd.
1798, Oct. 1. George Churchill and John Templeman, *v.* William Templeman and William Davis, decd.
1801, Oct. 5. John Templeman, George Churchill, Christopher Arden.
1804, Oct. 1. Charles White and Thomas Gould Read, *v.* Edward Cozens and Robert Stickland, decd.
1809, Oct. 2. Nathaniel Stickland *v.* Robert Lambert, decd.
1809, Nov. 1. Christopher Cooper, M.D., *v.* George Churchill, who resigned, 24 Oct., 1809.
1810, Oct. 1. William Bower *v.* John Templeman, decd.

1814, Oct. 3. Robert Pattison and George Stickland *v.* Christopher Arden and Charles White, decd.
1824, Feb. 20. Charles Stickland *v.* George Stickland, decd.
1825, Oct. 3. Christopher Arden *v.* Robert Pattison who resigned 13 Dec., 1824.
1829, Apl. 16. Morgan Yeatman *v.* William Bower, decd.
1829, June 29. Thomas Bower *v.* Nathaniel Stickland, decd.
1835, Mch. 30. John Barnet, Esq., *v.* Thomas Gould Read, decd.

The list of Capital Burgesses is also incomplete.

Election of Capital Burgesses. C. 4.

1621, Aug. 19. Bernard Toope *v.* William Horsford, decd.
,, ,, Diones Bond *v.* Richard Barker, decd.
1621, Dec. 27. John Hill *v.* John Yate, decd.
1622-3, Jan. 3. John Blatchford *v.* Oliver Haine, decd.
1623-4, Jan. 12. James Gould *v.* John Spicer, decd.

Admission of Capital Burgesses. B. 49.

1722, Aug. 21. Daniel Arden.
1729, Jan. 26. Richard Cooper.
1735, June 9. George Cooper *v.* Richard Samwayes.
1735, June 9. Thomas Loder *v.* Lawrence Snooke.
1740, Feb. 5. Thomas Cooper. C. 27.
1740, Feb. 5. William Bryer. C. 27.
1743, Nov. 3. John Channing *v.* Walter Crowe. C. 27.
1743, Nov. 3. John Pitman *v.* Samuel Stanning. C. 27.
1748, June 10. George Arden *v.* Thomas Loder. C. 27.
[1748, June 10. Samuel Stanning *v.* Robert Fildew, decd. C. 27.]
1752, Oct. 2. Francis Purchase *v.* Robt. Gundry. C. 27.
1752, Oct. 2. Jane Chaffey *v.* Robert Loder. C. 27.
1755, July 7. William Templeman. C. 27.
1755, July 7. William Davis, apothecary. C. 27.
1755, July 7. John Nelson, mercer. C. 27.
1761, Oct. 9. Robert Lambert *v.* John Nelson. C. 27.
1761, Oct. 9. Richard Cozens, mercer, *v.* Thos. Cooper. C. 27.
1768, Feb. 26. Walter Nicholls *v.* Richard Cooper. C. 27.
1768, Feb. 26. Morgan Yeatman *v.* William Bryer. C. 27.
1769, Oct. 2. Robert Lumley Kingston. C. 27.

All these persons are described as being already Burgesses, and each document (parchment) is sealed with " SIG : MAIORIS :

DORCHESTER," in red wax. These are elected by the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses.

The documents in B 49 are nineteen in number. One serves for George Cooper and Thomas Loder. Another gives the election of the Governor of the Freemen.

Certificates of the Election of Capital Burgesses (25). B. 50.

1726, Feb. 6. Robert Fildew *v.* Richard Samways, decd.
1726, Feb. 6. Robert Loder *v.* John Kellaway, decd.
1726, Feb. 6. Nicholas Weare *v.* Thos. Pitman, decd.
1726, May 13. Renalde Knapton, malster, *v.* Thomas Knapton, malster, decd.
1726, May 13. Laurence Snooke *v.* John Oldis, malster, decd.
1735, June 5. George Cooper *v.* Laurence Snooke, decd. C. 27.
1735, June 5. Thomas Loder *v.* Richard Samways. C. 27.
1775, Oct. 2. John Floyer, Esq. C. 27.
1776, Mch. 22. Edward Cozens. C. 27.
1776, Mch. 22. William Gundry. C. 27.
1776, Mch. 22. Robert Willis. C. 27.
1782, Mch. 21. John Gollop, Doctor of Physick. C. 27.
1782, Mch. 21. Robert Stickland.

All the following are also recorded in C. 42*a*.

1793, Sept. 11. Christopher Arden.
1793, Sept. 11. Charles White.
1793, Sept. 11. George Churchill, Esq.
1793, Sept. 11. John Templeman.
1794, July 22. James Chafy, Esq.
1801, Oct. 5. William Bower.
1801, Oct. 5. James Gould Read.
1801, Oct. 5. Christopher Cooper, M.D.
1801, Oct. 5. John Callard Manfield.
1801, Oct. 5. Nathaniel Stickland.
1806, July 10. Robert Pattison.
1809, May 8. Christopher Arden, junr.
1809, May 8. Charles Stickland.
1809, May 8. George Stickland.
1814, Oct. 3. Thomas Bower.
1814, Oct. 3. Morgan Yeatman.
1824, Feb. 20. John Barnet.
1824, Feb. 20. Joseph Clapcott.
1829, Apl. 16. Thomas Coombs.
1829, Apl. 16. William Denning Tapp, surgeon.

1639, Aug. 28. "In regard Mr. John Blachford of the said Borough hath ben absent from this Borough and lived in France about iij yeares wherby he could be no service in the place wherto he was chosen. It is ordered that a new choice shall be made of an other Capitall Burgesse in his place on Wensday the iiijth of September next." C. 9. (See *ante*, p. 396, note.)

29 Sept., 1775. Agreed that a case be prepared and laid before our Eminent Counsel for his opinion on the eligibility of William Churchill Esquire as a Capital Burgess of the said Borough, he being an Inhabitant of Colliton. C. 27.

"Stafford, 29th Septr., 1782.

Sir,—As I am no longer resident in the Borough of Dorchester I beg leave to resign the place of Alderman or Capital Burgess in the Corporation, and am, Sir,

Y^{r} very h'ble Servt,

C. 27. J. Floyer."

THE MACES.

1640, April 1. "Subscribed a bill for Mr. White, the gold smith, to Rc' 38^{s} 6^{d} of Mr. Jon Bushrod for altering one mace." C. 12.

	£	s.	d.
1660-1, Jan. 16. "The silver vpon the old maces was this day weighed and it came vnto 15 oz. halfe and halfe quarter, which at v^{s} the oz : comes vnto iij^{li} xviij^{s} iij^{d} which was intended to bee deliuered to mr. Sam : White's wife towards payment for the new Maces, with 5d more added to it makes	03	18	8
Mr. White hath it the 18 of January, 1660. (Inserted later.)			
July 3 : 1661. pd. Mrs. White as appeareth forward	5	0	0
Octob. 4, 1661. pd. Mrs. White more as appeareth forward	4	10	0
About Michaelmas, Mr. Sauage pd Mrs. White in dollers	7	7	0
	£20	15	8

1661, Apr. 26. "It is ordered and agreed that Twenty shillings a man, which shall be lent and advanced to mr. Samuel White's wife by any of this Company towards payment for the Maces shall be repayed back to them and to every of

them out of the first monnyes that the Toune Steward shall receive." C. 15.

1727, June 14. "Whereas severall summes of money have bin expended from time to time in repaireing the two Maces belonging to the Corporation, and yet by reason of their Antiquity they are now unfitt to be amended, Therefore att a meeting of the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Borough on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of June, 1727, at the Guildhall of the Borough, It is ordered that mr. Daniel Arden, Goldsmith, do receive into his Custody the said old Maces and forthwith dispose of the same for as much money as they will yeild, And that he purchase for the use of the said Corporacion two new Maces, and that he be paid by our Towne Steward such a summe as he shall lay out and expend (over and above the money that shall arise by sale of the said old Maces) for the purchase of such two new Maces." C. 7.

1731, Nov. 19. "Ordered that Samuel Stanning, gentleman, the Towne Steward of the said Borough, do forthwith pay unto Mr. Daniel Arden the summe of fifty-six pounds for the new Maces lately by him provided for the use of the said Corporation." C. 7.

1804. Mr. George Yonge his bill for repairing and gilding the Maces £10. Carriage to and from London, 5 sh. C. 46.

Serjeants at Mace.

1622, Oct. 30. The Serjeants at Mace to have the use of the void room under the bow "to way in," for one year from henceforth. C. 4.

1794, Oct. 6. George Read to be Serjeant at Mace in room of William Read, his Father, decd. C. 42*a*.

1798, April 16. James Foy succeeds George Read, decd. C. 42*a*.

1820, July 1. John Gray succeeds James Foy, decd. C. 42*a*.

1796, Feb. 22. Resolved that the Serjeants at Mace be not permitted henceforth to collect any Christmas gifts from the Inhabitants, exclusive of the Corporation, and that they be allowed by the Town Steward annually two guineas each in lieu thereof. C. 42*a*.

1819, Sept. 20. Agreed that the Cloaks and Hats for the Serjeants at Mace be in future provided and paid for by the Town Steward for the Corporation, to be allowed in his Accounts, that such Cloaks and Hats to serve for five Years

and the Colour of the Cloaks to be blue, and that an annual Remuneration be made to the Serjeants at Mace in lieu of the Cloaks and Hats. C. 42*a*.

1821, June 7. Agreed that the sum of Ten Pounds be annually allowed to the Serjeants at Mace in lieu of Cloaks and Hats.

1828, Sept. 18. Richard Groves appointed by the Mayor, with the unanimous approbation of the Corporation, Serjeant at Mace in the room of John Gray, dec^{d}. His salary to commence from the 29th inst.

Resolved that from the 25th day of March last the Serjeants at Mace shall be paid the sum of £30 each per annum, in lieu of all other gifts and perquisites. C. 42*a*.

1829, Aug. 28. James Hutchings appointed by the Mayor with the approbation of the Corporation in the room of John Bennett, resigned. C. 42*a*.

Beadle.

1610-1, Jan. 31. John Pidwyn was chosen Bedell and Hayward to whom the new Stewards are to give a cote and breeches, and xx^{s} yeerelie to be paid quarterlie by the Towne Stewards, vntill hee hath a howse to be builded for hym, to be paid so longe as hee shall execute the whippings, and the said offices in good order, and to keepe all strange beggers out of the towne, and suffer no beggers to be at anie man's doores, or at the Inns, and to accuse all hedge and coppice stealers, and to present all new comers to towne, and Pidwyn to have the stolen wood. C. 3, p. 32.

1640, June 3. Nath. Bower, the Beadle, ordered to wear a coat of black cotten, gathered and with ij long skirts, and walk with a painted staff of office. On his refusal he is dismissed the office, to leave on the 24th. C. 12.

1812, March 30. Agreed that the sum of three guineas be given to John Gray, the Beadle, as a gratuity for his additional attendance at Church on Sundays in taking care of the Corporation Seats for the year ending the 26th day of November, 1811. C. 42*a*.

1825, Aug. 29. Resolved that the Beadle shall not in future ring his bell or repeat any verses through the streets at night, but that this shall not extend to restrain him from distributing his verses and collecting Presents as before. C. 42*a*.

CONSTABLES.

Borough of Dorchester, Augt., 1831.

St. Peter's.	*Holy Trinity.*	*All Saints.*
Mr. Wm. Lock	Mr. Jn° Wood	Mr. Wm. Hawkins
Mr. S. Gale	Mr. Wm. Garland	+Mr. Jn° Standish
Mr. T. Clarke	Mr. R. Fudge	Mr. R. Poynter
Mr. Criswick	Mr. Lambert	Mr. T. Tullidge, junr
Mr. Wm. Masters	Mr. Wm. Davis	Commander Mr. Tullidge
Mr. B. Harvey	Mr. T. Garland	
+Mr. H. Jacob	Commander Mr. H. Williams	
Mr. G. Symonds		
Commander Mr. Criswick		

The above is a list of Constables in charge of divisions and have in their possession ten staves each at this time, except such as have a cross marked against their Names.

Dated this 1 Octr, 1832. C. Stickland, Mayor.

To C. Arden, Esq., etc.

(On paper pinned inside C. 42*a*.)

BELLMAN.

1658, Aug. 6. "Yet is this daye agreed one that a bellman be appointed to walke the towne at night, from 12 of the clock vntill 5 in the morninge, the sommer time; and from 12 of the clock of night vntill 6 in the morninge the winter time . . . And whereas there are Six watches every night, they be reduced to Five watchmen, besids the belman; and that the belman be ordered how to manage his walkinge." C. 15.

THE BOROUGH BOUNDARIES. FORDINGTON. C. 9.

"Letter sent to Sir John Banks, Knt., Attorney Generall to the Princes Highnes, dated Nov. 12, 1633."

"Right Worll, vpon some difference lately risen betwene the incorporacion of this Borough and the Tenants of the Princes Highnes of his Mannor of Fordington concerning the bounds betwene this Borough and the lands of the said Mannor wee are threatened with suite by the Tenants to bee comenced against vs on his Highnes behalfe although without cause or color (as wee conceive) for wee out of a desire of peace have long suffered the Tenants of the said Mannor to incroach vpon vs, and they findinge our peaceable disposition haue

gayned more and more vpon vs, and by degrees haue taken from vs the ditches wherewith this Towne is surrounded, though most vniustly as wee hope to make it appeare. And now (not therewith content) they seeke to gayne from vs alsoe parte of this Towne walles. Good Sr, wee are very vnwilling to enter the lists in any suite or any other course of difference with his Highnes and doe therefore humbly beeseech you to heare our iust defence before you give way for any suite or cause to bee taken against vs heerein, And doe hope to manifest vnto you that not only the walles, but the ditches alsoe do belong vnto vs, which being done, wee hope wee shall haue right done vs without suite. And soe desiring you will be pleased to thinke on and prescribe some course for appeasing our difference without suite, wherein wee shall bee much obliged to you, wee take our leave, craving pardon for our boldnes, and remayne,

Yor Wor'ps in all loving offices to bee comanded,

W. Jolyffe, maior, Ed. D., R. B., J. P., W. W., sen., B. T., D. B., J. Hill, W. W., iun., R. S."

1634, Oct. 27. "The Towne Clerke shall this Terme follow the busines at the Princes Highnes Counsell Table betwen this Borough and the Mannor of Fordington, concerning the extent of this Borough and the said Mannor," and to be furnished with £10 for expenses.

The Borough's Jurisdiction. Colliton Row.

A dispute arose in the seventeenth century between Mr. John Churchill and the Mayor and Corporation of the Borough, relative to the latter's jurisdiction over Colliton Row, of which John Churchill was lord and owner. "Colliton Row," says Hutchins' *Dorset*, 3rd edition, Vol. ii., p. 415, "is a tything in the hundred of St. George, and a small street adjoining to Glidepath Hill on the south. This street and Glidepath Hill, though within the walls of the town of Dorchester, are in the ancient parish of Frome Whitfield. The inhabitants of the street, though properly out of the Borough, claimed and used a right of voting for Members of Parliament, but in 1720 it was resolved by the House of Commons, that it was no part of the Borough, and the inhabitants lost the exercise of this franchise until the passing of the Reform Bill restored it." This disagreement begins to appear in the Town Records, 11th July, 1664, when "This day vppon

desire of Mr. Henry Churchill the Towne Charter is delivered to Mr. Joseph Derby, the Towne Clerke, to pleade it at the next Sessions at large for the County in claymeing the priviledge of the Towne for their Jurisdiccion: hee and two others imployed by his brother, Mr. John Churchill, being indicted for severall offences supposed to be donne within the Borough and the Towne Clerke hath engaged to see it returned safe and vndefaced." C. 15.

Four years after negotiations were still proceeding.

1668, Dec. 23. "It is this day ordered That Mr. Maior, Mr. Haviland and Mr. Loder be desired to visitt John Churchill, Esqr., of Colliten Rowe, and, as occasion shall offer, to discourse with him about the differences betweene the Corporacion and the Inhabitants of Colliton Rowe aforesaid, and report the same at the next meeting, this Company being desirous to Compose the Differences aforesaid without suite in Lawe if they can." C. 15.

1668, Dec. 30. "No satisfactory answere thereto was given, It's therefore further resolved that it be proposed to the said Mr. Churchill that the Corporacion wilbe contented to refer the matter in Lawe vppon the Charter which relates to the Controuersie to the Judges of Assizes, at the next Assizes to be held for this County, if he will accept thereof, and that John Whiteway, Esqr, Mr. John Daniel and Mr. John Knightsbridge, or any two of them, be desired to treate with the said Mr. Churchill about this proposall, &c." C. 15.

The matter came before the Judges at the Assizes, held at Dorchester, 4 March, 22 Charles II., 1670, when it was ordered that a Juror should be withdrawn, with the assent of the parties to the suit, John Churchill, plaintiff, *versus* John Cardrow and others, defendants, and that all matters of controversy in this and certain other cases should be referred to arbitration. Mr. Serjeant Barton and Sir William Constantine, Knt., were appointed arbitrators. Their award is contained in B. 37, which bears their seals and signatures, and is dated 14th May, 1670. It was followed by an indenture, dated 25 August, 1670, between the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of the one part, and John Churchill, Esq., of the other part, accepting and confirming the said award. As the award is given in the Indenture, it is unnecessary to repeat it here.

"THIS INDENTURE MADE the Five and Twentith day of August in the Two and Twentith yeare of the Reigne

of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland King Defendor of the faith, &c., And in the yeare of our Lord God according to the computacion of the Church of England One thousand Six hundred and Seaventy BETWEENE the Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset of the one parte, and John Churchill of Colliton Rowe in the said County of Dorset Esqr of the other parte. WHEREAS by an order at the Assizes held at Dorchester in the County of Dorset the fourth day of March in the Two and Twentith yeare of his Ma'ties Reigne that now is before Sr John Arther Knt one of his Ma'ties Justices of the Courte of Common Pleas and Justice of Assize in the County aforesaid made betweene the said John Churchill plaintiffe and one John Cardrow and others Defendants IT was Ordered by the Courte vppon the assent of the partyes that the last of the Jurors should be withdrawen and that all matters in controversy betweene the partyes aforesaid and allsoe betweene John Cardrow and John Strode and his wife and allsoe all accions causes of accions informacions or indictments against William Pitt, Richard Churchill, Joseph Seward, Samuell Bond, gent., John Cardrow, Edward Chapman, Robert Poldon, James Manuell, Gregory Alamott, William Munden and Samuell Bray, or any or either of them, then depending or being and allsoe all other suites accions trespasses prosecucions causes of accions and demands as well betweene the said Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester and the aforesaid John Churchill and others as betweene the aforesaid John Churchill and the said Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid should be referred vnto Mr. Serjeant Barton and Sr William Constantine Knt., Arbitrators, by the partyes aforesaid with the Approbacion of the said Courte indifferently elected the same to heare and finally determine soe that the aforesaid Arbitrators their Arbitrement in writeing of and vppon the premisses should make ready to be delivered to the partys aforesaid before the last day of the Terme of Easter then next following and in case the said Arbitrators should make noe Arbitracion of or vppon the premisses within the tyme aforesaid that then all the said accions causes of accions prosecucions informacions indictments matters and controversyes aforesaid should be referred vnto Mathew Davys, Esqr., to heare and determine the same before the sixth day of June then next

following which said Order on Saturday next after the morrow of the Ascencion of our Lord being the fowerteenth day of May in the two and twentith yeare of his Ma'ties Reigne abovesaid was by his Ma'ties Courte of King's Bench at Westminster Ordered to be entred and made a rule of the same Courte as by the Records of the same severall Courtes relacion being vnto them severally had more fully and att large it doth and may appeare. AND WHEREAS the said Mr. Serjeant Barton and Sr William Constantine in pursuance of the said severall Orders and the submission of the partys in the said order of Assizes mencioned concerneing the matters in the same conteyned referred to their Arbitrement did take vppon them the burthen and execucion of the said Arbitracion and did on the said fowerteenth day of May in the two and twentith yeare aforesaid and after the said rule made in the Courte of King's Bench make their Arbitracion in writeing vnder their hands and seales touching and concerneing the premisses in these words following.

WHEREAS severall controversyes and differences have ben risen and stirred Betweene the Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Capitall Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset of the one parte and John Churchill of Colliton Row Esquire of the other parte Touching the Jurisdiccion of the Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses within Colliton row which is the Inheritance of the said John Churchill whether the same and the Inhabitants thereof bee within the power of the Justices of the Peace within the said Borough or the Justices at large within the said County And by reason thereof severall Accions of Law have been brought by several persons who have been Constables of the said Borough for Assaults and Batterys on them in executeing their offices in leavying of distresses there and severall other controversyes and prosecucions of indictments and informacions have ben exhibited against severall persons who have ben officers and Justices within the said Borough and other differences are like to arise betweene the said partyes for other matters concerneing the said Jurisdiccion. AND whereas all the said matters by rule of Courte att the last Assizes were referred to vs and wee haveing mett and in the presence of all partyes concerned debated the same Now for preserving Amity and friendshipp in tyme to come betweene the said partyes and putting a stopp to all the said controversyes and differences wee doe Order Award and adiudge by and with the consent of the said partyes

FIRST that the said John Churchill his heires or assignes Lords or owners of the Freehold or Inheritance of Colliton Rowe aforesaid shall not doe any Act or thing whereby to hinder or oppose the said Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen or Burgesses, or any of them or the Justices of the said Borough for the tyme being in the execucion or exercise of any Jurisdiccion within the said Colliton Row which the said Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen or Burgesses or the Justices of the said Borough for the tyme being lawfully may exercise within the said Borough of Dorchester yet Neverthelesse the Inhabitants now dwelling in Colliton Row aforesaid shall and may vse their trades and ymployments there as formerly they have donne without the disturbance of the said Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses or any of them and such persons as now are or att any tyme hereafter shall be inhabiteing there who shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter desire to be made free or freeman of the said Borough vppon request to be made to the said Maior or other officers therevnto Authorized for the tyme being shall be made free of the said Borough in such manner and forme as freedome is vsually granted in the said Borough paying vsuall Fees and noe more And such Freemen shall from tyme to tyme have and enioy the same and like benefitts and priviledges in all respects within the said Borough as other the Inhabitants of the said Borough have and enioy respectively without any further controversy or dispute. SECONDLY For that it appeareth that the place called Colliton Rowe aforesaid is the Inheritance of the said John Churchill whoe has allsoe the Inheritance of severall Messuages and Tenements in the Borough of Dorchester, wee doe Order and Award that the said Major and some other Justice or Justices of the said Borough for the tyme being shall sett vp or licence noe Alehowse Keeper within Colliton Row aforesaid without the consent and approbacion of the said John Churchill or his heires or the Lords and Owners of Colliton Rowe aforesaid for the tyme being And farther that yf the said John Churchill his heires or the Owners of the Freehold and Inheritance of Colliton Row aforesaid shall be desirous to have any Alehowses to be there licensed That the said Major and Justices aforesaid vppon request of the said John Churchill his heires and assignes or the Owners of the Freehold or Inheritance of Colliton Row aforesaid shall in reasonable tyme after such a request graunt Licenses for Keepeing Alehowses in Colliton Row aforesaid to such person and persons

as hee or they shall recommend soe as such person and persons be qualified according to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme and soe as there be not att any one tyme above two severall Alehowses licensed within the said Colliton Rowe aforesaid And the said Mayor or Justices or any of them shall not att any tyme suppresse any of the said Alehowses or restraine any person att any tyme inhabiteing within the said Colliton Rowe from makeing of Mault without first acquainting the said John Churchill or his heires And such suppression and restraint to bee for some breach of the Lawes and Statutes of the Realme in that case made and provided. THIRDLY to the end that there may be noe difference betweene the Tennants of the said John Churchill and his heires and other the Inhabitants of the said Borough of Dorchester the Tennants of the said John Churchill inhabiteing in any place within the said Borough in fitt and convenient howses shall have the like Freedome and Liberty as other Inhabitants within the said Borough to have Lycenses to keepe Alehowses in the said Borough granted there by the said Major and Justices from tyme to tyme and especially such howses of his as have ben formerly licensed And for the future noe licenses to keepe Alehowses shallbe granted by the said Major and Justices or any of them or security taken therevppon for the buying their beere att any Common Brewhowse or with any other clauses whatsoever saveing such onely as by the lawes and statutes of this realme are directed. FOURTHLY that the said John Churchill and his heires or other Lords or Owners of Colliton Rowe aforesaid shall not henceforth contest ioyne with or encourage any person or persons that shall endeavor to exempt the said Colliton Rowe to be out of the Jurisdiccion and Governement of the Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses or Justices of the Borough of Dorchester aforesaid. And yf any Office of Constable or Tithingman bee imposed vppon any of the Inhabitants of Colliton Rowe for the tyme being as inhabiteing there onely by the Steward of the hundred of the George or other officer within the said hundred or Liberty of Stratton or by any of his Ma'ties Justices of the Peace for the said County of Dorset Then and in such case the Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses are to take vppon them the defence of such Constable or Tithingman soe Chosen and shall produce their Charter And att the Charge of the Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses shall acquit the said person or persons from the said Office and from all charge and

damage in respect thereof such person or persons soe elected giveing due notice to the Maior for the tyme being And doeing noe voluntary Act or thing to preiudice himselfe or themselves by submitting thereto or otherwise And all the particulars before mencioned shallbe drawen into a paire of Indentures of Covenants betweene the Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Borough of Dorchester of th' one parte and the said John Churchill Esquire of the other parte att the equal Costs and Charges of the said partyes One parte whereof shall be sealed by the Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses with the Common Seale of the said Borough and delivered or ready to be delivered vppon demaund to the said John Churchill And the other parte thereof by the said John Churchill and delivered or ready to be delivered to the said Maior for the tyme being before the first day of September next. FIFTHLY that all Indictments and Informacions preferred or prosecuted by either of the partyes occasioned by the said difference be withdrawen and bee noe further prosecuted. SIXTHLY that all accions betweene the partyes aforesaid or their Agents or which have relacion to or have been risen by occasion of the difference aforesaid and referred as aforesaid att any tyme before the fourth of March last shallbe withdrawen and be noe further prosecuted. IN WITNESS whereof wee have herevnto sett our hands and seales this present fowerteenth day of May in the Two and Twentith yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland, King defender of the faith, &c., Annoq' D'ni 1670.

NOW WITNESSETH this Indenture that it is hereby concluded condescended vnto granted and agreed on by and betweene the Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester aforesaid and the said John Churchill that the said Arbitracion and Award soe made by the said Mr. Serjeant Barton and Sr William Constantine shall from tyme to tyme and att all tymes forever hereafter stand and bee good and effectuall in Law and equity to all intents and purposes whatsoever according to the true intent and meaneing of the said Award and Arbitrement as itt is therein expressed AND THE SAID Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses for themselves their successors and assignes doe covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said John Churchill his heires and assignes that they the said Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses their successors and assignes and all and every

officer and officers of the said Borough and the servants and agents of the said Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses and every other person or persons which hath have or had or att any tyme hereafter shall have any relacion vnder them or by or vnder their title or pretence of their title shall and will from tyme to tyme and att all tymes forever hereafter well and truely observe performe fullfill and keepe the said Award or Arbitrement in all and every Article point clause and thing therein conteyned which on their or any of their behalfes is ought or should be observed performed fullfilled and kept by virtue of the same Award or Arbitrement according to the true intent and meaneing of the same as it is therein expressed without any Alteracion or deviacion therefrom in any way or meanes whatsoever. AND THE SAID John Churchill doth for himselfe his heires and assignes Covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses their successors and assignes That hee the said John Churchill his heires and assignes and his and their Tennants, servants or Agents and every of them whoe are comprised in the said Award or Arbitrement shall and will from tyme to tyme and att all times forever hereafter well and truely observe performe fullfill and keepe the said Award or Arbitrement in all and every Article poynt clause or thing therein conteyned which on his their or any of their behalfe is ought or should bee observed performed fullfilled and kept by vertue of the same Award or Arbitrement according to the true intent and meaneing of the same as is therein expressed without any alteracion deviacion therefrom in any way or meanes whatsoever. IN WITNESS whereof to one parte of these Indentures remaineing with the said John Churchill the said Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses have putt their common seale and to the other parte thereof remaineing with the said Major, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses the said John Churchill hath putt his hand and seale the day and yeare first abovewritten.

John Churchill.

Small seal of red wax.

Endorsed, "25th August, 1670. Confirmation of the Award of Serjeant Barton and Sir Wm. Constantine, Knight, dated 14th May, 1670."

Two later entries refer to this affair :—

1671, Aug. 11. "It is desired by Mr. Major that Mr. Pitt, Mr. Arthur Gould and Mr. Seward attend Serjeant

Barton in refference to advise with him this assizes next comeing concerning the Award drawne by him and Sr Wm. Constantine betweene Esqr Churchill and the Towne." C. 15.

1675-6, Feb. 27. "The Award touching Mr. Churchill and this Towne is taken out by me to be made vse of on a tryall against Mr. Arthur Gould at Mr. Cardrowes suite." [Not signed.] C. 15.

The Town Finances.

The earliest extant Book of Accounts of the Stewards or Collectors of the Town Rents is numbered "C 2" in Mr. Moule's Catalogue. These officers were three in number, and this book commences in the stewardship of John Palmer, Paule Robards and John Chubbe, who rendered their first quarterly account, 25th April, 1 Mary [1555]. It ends in 1591. Page 1 is headed "Charges don this [quart]er a [festo] Nativitatis Domini usque ad festum Annunciationis Beate Marie Virginis," which amount to iij*li.* ix*s.* iiij*d.*

The receipts consist of the rents of lands and houses belonging to the Town, the proceeds of an occasional sale of a dwelling house, and money received on "the Verdict day" (*e.g.*, xix*s.* iiij*d.* in 1561), and some casual gains.

The charges relate for the most part to outlay on the Town houses, and are chiefly of interest as showing the prices that then prevailed, *e.g.*, "helling stones," called also "blue helling stones" or "slatts" (which were imported at Melcombe Regis) cost 10*d.* to 12*d.* a hundred; laths, 13*d.* a hundred; lath nails, 1½*d.* to 2*d.* a hundred; a wey of lime, 1*s.* 6*d.*; spars for thatching, 1*d.* a hundred or 10*d.* a thousand; 40 read sheaves, 18*d.* (but the price varies); lime, 4*d.* the bushel; and the thatcher was paid 12*d.* a day, and his servant, 5*d.*

On the sixth page from the end of the book is a memorandum, "It'm, the iij parishes hathe laide owt towards the settinge forthe and furnyture of iiijor men and iiijor corseletts to serue the queenes Ma'tys highness, 1562, viz. Saincte Peter's parishe, xl*s.* It'm, Trinitie parishe xx*s.* It'm, All Hallon parishe xx*s.*"

Some of the more interesting entries are given below:—

1555. Paid to the Churche of All Hallowes which was layde owte for the Shyre haale, xx*s.* (Entries relating to the Shire Hall are frequently met with.)

3 Eliz. (1560-1). Pd. to Wyll'm Bayllye for the bryngyng vp of iiij lode of tymber from the fryers, xvj*d*.

6 Eliz. (1563-4). It'm, dd' [*i.e.*, delivered] to Ollyver Hyggs towards his chargs to ryde to Hartford.

8 Eliz. (1565-6). Charges laide ought by the Stuards to the bildinge of the caidge howse.

It'm, paide Sir John of Mvnkston for the caridge of viij lode of stones from Wadon Quare, ix*s*. ij*d*.

1571. Oct. 10. It'm, D' to Mr. Hurde at his goinge vnto London to ymploy aboute the townes affaires, xl*s*.

[14 Eliz., 1571-2 ?]. Receyuyd for the Stoke of the Crosse before Mr. Brentes dore, iij*s*. iiij*d*.

1572. It., pd. Mr. James for the towne the which the Towne was non Suted, to Mr. Turberfilde, iiij*li*. vj*s*. viij*d*.

1573. Md. that Thomas Evens hathe received in monie towards the newe makinge of the comon well v*li*.

It'm, the Burgesses owethe to Laurence Stratford which hee layde owt aboute the weast walles, iij*li*. xij*s*.

It'm, the Burgesses owethe to the said Laurence Stratford which hee had disbursed aboute certen Armour and settinge forthe of the Souldiers into Ireland whest hee was in Office as did appeere by his bill, xxxv*s*. vij*d*.

The "Payments by Matthew Chubbe one of the toune Stewards from Midsomer, 1583," include :—

"Inprimis, pd. Thomas Evans for his chamber the last Assizes for the Judgs servaunts, iiij*s*."

It'm, pd. Wm. Reade and John Keemer for settinge vp right the towne hal' roffe and loft, v*s*. vj*d*.

It'm, pd. Thomas Stillerd for newe makinge the stocks and footinge of them, xvj*d*.

It'm, pd. Thomas Nottinge for mending them, xij*d*.

It'm, the chargs of Mr. Greene and Matthew Chubbe v daies in Devon for the procuring of thassizes, which were like to be removed, xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

It'm, the chargs and hire of Matthew Chubbe ix daies to Canterburie to the Lord cheife Baron for thobteyning therof, iiij*li*. x*s*. viij*d*.

It'm, bestowed on some that fardered the sute thereof, iiij*li*. xix*s*.

It'm, pd. for wyne given to the Judgs at thassizes and to their servaunts, v*s*.

Other payments (1583) include :—

Imprimis, pd. John Cooke for his chamber at the last assizes for Judge Peryam's sone, v*s*.

It'm, pd. Thomas Stillerd for the chest and lock in the church, wherein the writings are, viij*s*.

It'm, pd. Thom's Galton for his payneful attendaunce abowt the sick persones bycause it was chargeable to him, and hindersome, x*s*.

It'm, pd. Robt. Hall which hee had disbursed for curinge of a poore boyes legg, viij*s*.

It'm, pd. Mr. Stone in full payment of his debt due to hym and Mr. Robynson, xlij*s*. ix*d*.

It'm, pd. Mr. Greene which hee disbursed at London abowt the towne busynes, xxxiij*s*. viij*d*.

It'm, pd. Mr. Stratford which hee pd. to Mr. Welsteed for the sute of the parsonage.

It'm, pd. for ij sheaves and xviij new muster arroes and for the fetheringe of one other sheafe and vj arroes, xij*s*.

It'm, pd. Mr. Hanam's fee and Mr. Napper's fee, xx*s*., Mr. Robynson, xxxv*s*. xj*d*., and for an Indenture, xij*d*., abowt the mixon, lvj*s*. xj*d*.

It'm, pd. my selfe for my chargs and allowannce at London abowt the sute of the parsonaige of froome, iij*li*. vj*s*. viij*d*.

1584, Michaelmas quarter. "Rec' of Mr. Corbyn and Robt. Warren their haulfe yeeres rent for the mixon in the north est part of the west walls, xij*d*.

1585. Paide Mr. Scrope £33 6. 8 for Frome parsonage.

1585 (since Novr.). Impr'is paid Strongman's wiffe for nursinge the child the 10th of November for one month then ended, iiij*s*. (A similar entry frequently follows, but "the child" is not explained.)

Paid to Hunte, the Surgion, for healinge of Powncye, v*s*.

Paid William Bartelet for mendinge one of the Toune Calivers the 21th of January, xvj*d*.

More to Hunte the Suregion the 12th of Marche for curinge of Powncye, xi*s*. viij*d*.

To the Shreve for an axsion that Wm. Adine had for a mixson againste the towne for the which we were in bande, vij*li*.

Paid Mr. Napper mechellmas terme for moveing of a norder a gaynst Mr. Trobellfell, x*s*.

1588, June 9. More the Towne owithe Mr. Grind[ham] for that he paide Mr. Sprynte for the parsenage of Frome Whitfilde the laste yere, xliij*s*.

1590, Oct. 9. It'm, Mr. Henynge [oweth] for 10*li* of powder, xij*s*. vj*d*. It'm, Mr. Churchill, iij quivers of arroes.

It'm, Mr. Henynge a drie vate which was bought to carrie the armor.

A memorandum on a blank leaf states:

"The towne is to pay for the parsonaige of Froome twoo hundred marks [*i.e.*, £133 6s. 8d.].

Whereof to Mr. ["Scrope" erased] doctor Baylie, c*li*.

It'm, to Mr. Scrope, xxxiij*li*. vj*s*. viij*d*. Which xxxiij*li*. vj*s*. viij*d*. is pd. to Matthew Chubbe with the x*li*. he is to have of Mr. Napper at Myhelmas.

It'm, the towne is to pay yeerelie the parsones rent for the yeares to come, iij*li*. vj*s*. viij*d*.

It'm, the parsonaige will come in hand at Mighelmas, 1590."

The Town Accounts are continued in C 3, which extends from 12th October, 1591, to the last day of January, 1610.

P.1. Imprimis John Ellis owethe to the towne to be paid by xx*s*. the q^r^ter beginninge the first paymt. at the feast of St. Michaell Tharchangell last past vntill the whole sum be paid, the sum of vij*li*. viij*s*. vj*d*.

It'm, John Roper owethe for the Rente of his Stayres for iiij yeres and di[midium], xviij*d*.

It'm, Angell Smythe [owethe], x*s*. iiij*d*.

It'm, Mr. Chubbe for the Towne lande which he holdethe in the Walles, which lande he holdethe vntill Mighelmas, 1594, liij*s*. iiij*d*.

It'm, Mr. Watts for the Fee Simple of a pece of grownde in the Easte Walls, xx*s*.

It'm, Mr. Churchill for the xij men Waye, xl*s*.

It'm, Mr. Hennynge for x powndes of powder, xij*s*. vj*d*.

It'm, of the same Mr. Henynge for a dry fate, v*s*.

P. 13. Md. Mr. Atwell gave to the vse of the poore of Dorchester fyve pounds for ever which was delyver[ed] by Raffe Pallmer to Mr. Baylyfes Mr. Chube and Mr. Barker, anno 1598.

It is remarkable that no other Account Book occurs subsequent to 1610, until the year 1761, when a book, C. 37*a*, is found, extending from the latter date until 1800.

The following are some of the most interesting payments:

	£	s.	d.
1761, Sept. 14. For Ringing, the King's wedding day	0	8	0
A messenger to Mr. Bond with the Address ..	0	7	0

	£	s.	d.
Sept. 19. Ringers of the Three Parishes on the Birth of Ld. Ashley	1	0	6
Sept. 22. The Militia on Firing on Coronation Day [a frequent entry]	2	2	0
The Musick	2	2	0
The Ringers	0	8	0
Mr. Richard Cooper for Tea, &c.	1	9	5
For four large Cakes..	2	15	0
Oct. 5. The Recorder's Fee [a frequent entry]	2	14	0
Oct. 13. For Playing the Engines on Court Leet Day		2	0
Oct. 25. Mr. Cozen's bill for Beadles coat ..	2	11	0
Vincent for making it..		8	6
For his Hat and Lace	1	0	6
Nov. 22. Mr. Cozens, for the Serjts. and Beadles hat bands on the Death of the King.. ..		12	6
Dec. 10. Thomas Eames for Judges Sheep the last Assizes [a frequent entry]	1	1	0
1762, Jany. 11. Mr. Bryer's bill [for wine] on the Declaration of War	2	15	8
April 5. Lady day money to the Three Parishes [a frequent entry]	6	0	0
April 17. Whetham, for shrouding the Trees on Bullstake. [These trees are frequently mentioned.]	0	1	6
May 5. The Ringers at the Court Leet.. ..	0	5	0
July 3. The Ringers on P. Ferdinand's success in Germany	0	5	0
Aug. 2. For a Sheep for the Judges	1	1	0
For Wine for the Judges	1	4	0
Aug. 14. The Ringers on the Birth of the Prince of Wales	0	5	0
Oct. 2. The Ringers on taking the Havannah ..	0	7	6
Dec. 16. Mr. Bryer's Bill about the Fish Stones..	1	1	6
1763, Mch. 26. A Bill at Mr. Bryer's on Procl^g Peace	3	18	10
May 7. Mr. Bryer's Bill the Ball Night.. ..	9	1	10
Oct. 7. The Watchmen at the Fire, 2 Nights ..	1	7	6
1764, March 27. Thos. Brine's Bill for Pavior at the Shirehall	13	5	0
Do. at the Exhibition House	2	16	0
May 29. For Two advertisements about the Small Pox	0	7	0
Aug. 4. Parsons, the Gardener, for cutting up the walks	0	8	0

	£	s.	d.
Aug. 21. For advertisemts. about the Small Pox	0	8	3
Nov. 24. For Beer on trying the new Ingine ..	0	6	0
1765, Mch. 9. Paid at the King's Arms on returning an answer to Lord Abercorn's L're.. ..	0	8	0
For mending the Buckett at the upper end of Sheeplane	0	1	0
June 15. Bill at the King's Arms on the King's Birth day	5	18	2
1766, Aug. 4. Mr. Bryer, as being Mayor .. [This was the Mayor's usual allowance at this time.]	10	0	0
1767, April 8. The Ringers at the Mayor's Feast	0	5	0
1767, Nov. 7. Fee Farm rent due to Ld. Hardwick [an annual payment slightly varying in amount]	16	12	0
1768, Oct. 17. The Auditor the Fee Farm rent ..	17	2	0
1769, Jan : 6. Fee Farm Land Tax for the Three Parishes [occurs frequently]		15	0
1770, Apr. 21. Mr. Wm. Templeman for his Mayoralty, from Michs., 1766 & 1767 ..	36	0	0
Oct. 9. For Beer for Playing the Engines ..		4	0
1772, Jan. 18. Mr. Wm. Gundry, as Assignee of Mr. Channing for the Purchase of a House ..	35	0	0
Apr. 20. A proportionable part of a year's Land tax for the Woolhouse, late Mr. Wm. Channing's		6	9
Dec. 30. Dr. Cuming by Order of the Corporation, for a Plan of the Town, Engraving the same for Mr. Hutchins's History of the County of Dorset, &c.	15	19	0
1774, Mch. 18. For Repairing the West Walk ..		5	6
Due to me as being Mayor	36	0	0
1774, Aug. 3. For labour in repairing the North Walks in Dorchester for the Corporation ..		16	6
Aug. 6. For labour in repairing the North Walls in Dorchester for the Corporation		16	0
Oct. 17. Edmund Pepys, Esqr., one year's Fee Farm Rent for Dorchester Borough, Postage of letters and other Charges, due the 10th instant as per Rect. 16th May, 1775, repaid by Mr. George Cooper. [No sum entered.]			
1775, Oct. 24. Richd. Lockett for Ringing the Eight o'clock Bell from Lady Day, 1773, to Lady Day, 1775	4	0	0

[This entry does not occur previously.]

	£	s.	d.
1779, Mch. 20. The Ringers, on the news of Pondicherry being taken		5	0
Mch. 24. For Beer for the men who assisted at John Haviland's Fire		5	0
Two men for watching the next night		2	0
Apr. 16. Rumsey for cleaning the Spitts at the County Hall		3	6
June 28. Expenses at the Antelope on electing Mr. Oldis Governor of the Hospital in the room of Mr. Chaffey		7	6
Paid *myself* [Geo. Stickland] the Year's Income as Mayor from the — day of Oct., 1777, to the day of Oct., 1778	50	0	0
1780, June 6. The Antelope Bill for the King's birthday as by rect. [an unusually high charge]	11	10	6
June 19. · To the Ringers, on taking Charles Town		5	0
Nov. 13. Mr. Willis to pay the Crown Rent, 16*li.* 2*s.* and for his attendance to pay it 6*s.* 8*d.* as by rect.	16	8	8
1783, Jan. 3. Paid a Bill about the South Walk, new forming and gravelling	12	4	3
1783, Dec. 18. William Kerby's Bill for rail'g in St. Peter's Church yard	5	19	9
1784, Jan. Bernard Gale's Bill about the Cupola..	1	13	10
N. Gray's Bill about St. Peter's Church Yard ..	15	6	4
1784, Feb. 19, 20. Paid Postage of Packets and Letters to the Corporation from the Committee of Association at the City of York, &c. ..		8	6
Gave the workmen on laying the foundation of the New Castle or Goal of the County, by order of the Corporation		10	6
April. Perkins's Gift, or Lady Day Money, to the Overseers of the 3 parishes..	6	0	0
Mr. Wm. Bower, the Subscription to Dorchester Races [first entry]	10	10	0
Henry Sheppard, Plummer and Glazier, his Bill on Settling with him for the Lead from the Cupola	12	11	4½
Edmund Peppys, Esqr., one yr's Fee Farm Rent for the Town of Dorchester to the 10th Oct., 1784, after Deducting Land Tax and paying Charges in London	16	9	0
Nathl. Grey, Stone-mason, his Bill for the new obilisk, in the place of the Cupola taken down last year, in pt. .. ,, ,, ..	30	9	2

	£	s.	d.
Richard Barnwell, Plummer, his Bill for the New Pump at the Obilisk in Dorchester	11	6	10
1784. Wm. Kerley, Blacksmith, his Bill for Iron work at the new Town Pump Obilisk ..	9	19	6
A year's Land Tax for Fee Farm Rents, Christmas, 1784, viz.:			
Holy Trinity .. .. £ 1 s. 7 d. 10			
St. Peter's 1 8 9	4	6	7
All Saints' 1 10 0			
1785, Mch. 21. Mr. Pitman for a Tree in East Walls		1	6
Mr. Nat. Grey as by Bill [perhaps more expenses about the Obelisk]	52	19	6
Nov. 16. For Egg Wine, &c., at the Antelope Inn		7	6
Dec. By an Order of the Corporation 1779 Allowed the Returning Officer his expences attending a Committee of the House of Commons (by Summons) on the Petition of Anthony Chapman, Esqr., in Feb., 1775	14	0	0
1786, Aug. 30. Subscription to Races	5	5	0
1787, Jan. 6. Mr. Tullidge, one year's teaching Boys, due Christmas	5	0	0
1788, Apr. 14. John Greening, for a Rope for the Well at the Bottom of Pease Lane		5	4½
Nov. 3. Mr. Edward Cozens' money, by him paid, when Mayor, for a Packett rece'd from the Chairman of the Society established in Exeter for the Abolition of the African Slave Trade ..		1	1
1789, Mch. 14. Six additional Constables, for assisting on the King's Arrival here on his way to Weymouth and whilst there occasionally ..		15	0
Mch. 19. Ringing on illuminating for the King's Recovery		5	0
June 4. Wm. Genge for Candles used in illuminating the Shirehall and Guildhall	1	3	6
June 11. Mr. George Stickland the ballance of his Account relating to Bread and Beer sent the Poor Sufferers of Beer Fire	1	15	1
July 1. For a Rope for Rebecca Chick		2	6
1790, Feb. 19. For 18 Ticketts, Miss Howard's Benefit, by order of Mr. Mayor	1	16	0

	£	s.	d.
Feb. 9. The overseers of the Three Parishes the Year's Rent Charge of £2 0. 0. each, payable from the George Inn and due at Lady Day, 1791	6	0	0
1791, Sept. 23. A year's Subscription to Dorchester Races, 1790, and stamp Receipt; [added] never to be paid again	5	5	2
Oct. 28. Wm. Galpine, Cooper (by order), his Bill for Constables staves at the Borough Election, 18th June, 1790..		8	0
Charges of Letters and Express to and from Southampton, in order to retain Serjt. Rooke on the Election Business, but the Serjt. could not attend	2	16	3
1791. Labourers for Days work, &c., in the Town Walks from the 11th June, 1791, to 16th July, 1791, when a Subscription was begun for repairing and the improvement of Dorchester walks	1	9	0
For the General Evening Post, 18 Nov., 1790, to 31st Dec., 1791	3	6	1½
1792, May 15. Mrs. Bryer for Tea and Coffee at a Meeting with Mr. Fentaman respecting the building of a new Town Hall, and waiter ..		6	0
Dec. 8. Mr. Fenteman towards the New Toun Hall	100	0	0
[Also payments to other persons for the same purpose.]			
1793, Mch. 11. Mr. Edmund Pepys, one year's Fee Farm Rent due to the Earl of Hardwicke for the Boro' of Dorchester, Mich'mas last, Expenses and Postage of L'res	16	6	1
Aug. 10. Mrs. Jane Bow, for the Corporation Newspapers	4	8	11
Aug. 18. John Fenteman, jun., towards the new Town Hall	60	0	0
Dec. 20. Another payment to him	70	0	0
Dec. 20. Mr. Mayor towards the subscription for extra Cloathing for the British Troops on the Continent	10	10	0
1794. [This year there are several entries for the *New Market House.*]			
June 4. The Ringers, on the news of Earl Howe's Victory over the French Fleet		5	0

	£	s.	d.
1794. The Ringers, on the King's coming to Weymouth [17th Aug.]		5	0
J. Fenteman in full of his Bill	145	5	0
Ditto, towards the same	30	0	0
Paid Gritton and Curme, their Contract money for building and finishing the new Shambles ..	245	0	0
1798, Jany. 27. For two years Newspapers to Ed. Bently, London	7	1	6
To Serjeant Read, his Expenses of fixing the Hurdles for the Sheep Fairs and for new Hurdles and carriage	5	1	0½
The allowance for attending the Fairs and collecting the money	5	0	0
His widow, for 37 Dozen of Hurdles, bought of her by the Corporation	5	11	0
The Ringers, on Account of Lord Nelson's Victory, and on two other days of rejoycing.. ..		15	0
For the attendances of 24 additional Constables on a Night of Illumination, to prevent Disorder, at 2*s.* 6*d.* each	3	0	0
E. Bentley, for the Newspapers from 1st Jan., 1798, to the 31st Dec. following	4	6	0

The Receipts consist of Rents due to the Town, whether Head Rents or Rack Rents, Fines for renewal of Lives, and payments for use of the Hall or Grand Jury Room. The Quit Rents for the Butchers' shops were £11 4s. per annum.

1764, Feb. 15. Of Mr. Chaffey 7 years' Head Rent for the Hospital Garden	1	15	0
Aug. 14. Of Mr. John Oldis a year's Rent of the Exhibition House, due Lady Day, 1764 ..	5	0	0
1765, Jan. 7. Of Mr. Hubbock 15 years' head rent for the Schoolhouse Close, due Christmas last	3	0	0
1766, Sept. 1. Of Mr. Willis 16 years' Quit rent for Watts's Malthouse, called the West Walls, due Christmas last	1	12	0
Nov. 8. Of Wm. Frampton two years' rent of the South Walls, due Michaelmas last	1	6	0
1767, Nov. 2. Of Wm. Chick the younger a year's rent for the Sheep Fairs, due at Michaelmas last	16	0	0
Nov. 17. Of Sheppard and Manfield a year's rent for the Marketts, due Mich'mas last.. ..	15	0	0

	£	s.	d.
1768, Jan. 17. Of Mr. Wm. Davis for the East Walls	1	0	0
Among arrears due at Michaelmas, 1772 :—			
Sebastian Pitfield for the Standing of his Sign Post, ? whr. 3 or 4 years at 2*s.* 6*d.*			
1774. To a year's Rent rece'd of Serjts. Poole and Read, for the Markets in Dorchester ..	21	0	0
To a year's Rent rece'd of William Chick, Junr., for the Fairs in Dorchester	16	0	0
1775, Feb. 3. Of Mr. William Templeman a year's acknowledgment for the Pillars standing in the Street at the King's Arms Inn		5	0
1779. Of James Wood for the old metal of the Engine that was burnt	1	14	8
1779, Nov. 17. Of a Puppet-shew man for the use of the Hall one week		10	6
1780, Apr. 4. Of one Emanuel, a Shewman, for the use of the Grand Jury Room a fortnight..	1	1	0
1780, Aug. 15. Of a shewman of wax-work for the Grand Jury Room		10	6
1782. Amerciamts levied on the Freeholders and Resiants for not appearing at the Court Leet at Lady Day, 1782	1	14	6
1784. To Money given by the Trustees of Blandford and Dorchester Turnpike towards the purchase of the White Hart Inn at the Entrance into the east end of the Town of Dorchester, and for taking down that Part of the House that projected into the High East Street, and throwing the same into the Turnpike ..	100	0	0
1785. Of James Wood, for Copper and Brass materials of an old Engine	2	1	0
1788, Aug. 2. Of the Master of the Dancing Dogs, for the use of a Room in the County Hall for one week	1	1	0
1789. Of James Besant, the Con'son money for White Hart	455	0	0
Major Hugonin, for the use of the Hall		13	0
Of Mr. Hughes, for the use of the Hall for his Company of Comedians	10	10	0
1790. Of Messrs. Shatford and Co. for the use of the Assize Hall after Deducting for Tickets, &c.	9	0	0

	£	s.	d.
1791. Of the Honorable Cropley Ashley, his gift towards the new Town Hall	200	0	0
1793. Of Mr. Sampson, for the South Walk ..		5	0
1798. Of Rebecca Chick, a year's Rent of the Bowling Alley Walks	2	2	0
1797. Of Mr. Robert Lambert, by order of County Sessions, of him as Treasurer Four years Quit Rent for the County Hall due Christmas, 1796, at £1 1s. per ann.	4	4	0
Of the same person, under the same order, three years Quit Rent for late Rose's, & late the property of the Earl of Dorchester, but now of that of the County of Dorset, to Christmas, 1796, at 6/6 per ann. [*i.e.*, for late Rose's and Engine House]		19	6
1796. Profits of Marketts and Fairs. Of Serjeant Read a year's rent of the Markets to Mich'mas, 1795	10	10	0
Of him, 1 year's Collection of the Sheep Fairs for 1796	14	12	9
Of Serjeant Bennett, a year's rent for the Markets to Mich'mas, 1795	10	10	0

These accounts are continued in the Account Book, C. 46, which extends from 1799 to 1835. The Receipts and Expenditure are of the same nature as in the previous book, and include, Tolling the Court Bell, 10*s.*; wine for the Judges, from £4 to £5. and two sheep at each Assize; the Mayor's annual Feast at one of the inns, £18; allowance to the Mayor, £50; and Recorder's Fee, £2 14s. Other payments which may be mentioned are:—

1800-1. For a subscription print of Admiral Nelson, placed in the Town Hall, 10*s.*

Work at Hurdle House, £20. 9. 5.

Work at Fish Stones, £18. 3. 4 and £16. 19. 7.

Mr. Bently, for the Mayor's Newspapers from Dec., 1799, to Dec., 1800, and postages, £4. 7. 4.

Thomas Gritton, his bill for work done at the Hurdle House, in the several walks round the Town, &c., £38. 4. 5.

1801. To Henry Pratt for painting the Rose in Council Chamber of Town Hall and inserting the name, *John Templeman*, 14*s.* 6*d.*

For Candles for the Guildhall for illumination, to Thos. Fisher, £2. 2. 0.

For inserting the Candlemas Fair in the Sherborne Papers on Account of the Fast, 6*s*. 6*d*.

Ringers on Proclamation of Peace, 10*s*. 6*d*.

1804. Thomas Curme, his bill for building a new Fish Market and Sergeants Ward, £190.

1805. Mr. Fentiman, Balance of his Account, £36. 15. 0.

1809. Jno. Allen's attendance to enforce the Mayor's orders for all dogs to be kept confined to the owners' Houses, in consequence of an alarm of mad dogs being about the neighbourhood, 2*s*. 6*d*.

Ten extra Constables for their attendance on the Jubilee night by order of the Mayor, £2. 16. 0.

Matthews for his attendance to give information against Persons letting off Fire-works contrary to orders of the Mayor on the Jubilee night, 2*s*. 3*d*.

To Brown for ditto, 2*s*. 6.

Mr. White, his bill for curing Matthews's Knee, occasioned by a blow he received in the discharge of his duty as an Extra Constable on the Jubilee night, 5*s*.

Hazard, repairing his coat torn on the Jubilee night on the like duty, 2*s*.

Sergts., Constables and others, attending the delivery of Bread and Beef, 10*s*. 6*d*.

1812. John Burt, for killing a dog running about the street, when ordered by the Mayor to be confined, 5*s*.

1814. John Gray, his attendance at illumination, 10*s*. 6*d*.; Thos. Hazard for Transparency, £6; Thomas Garland, Candles (Peace) for Illumination, £2. 1. 6; Band of Music, £6; Francis Oakley, two Hogsheads of Beer, £12. 12. 0; Thos. Clarke, for Beer, 10*s*. 6*d*.

To Committee, building Trinity Church (by Charles Curme) subscription by Corporation, £100.

Charles Curme, fitting up gate in ditto, £49. 19. 5.

In 1829, £26. 16s. were laid out for gravel and labour in East Walks.

1830. Pd. to the Trumpeter of the Scotch Greys, by order of the Mayor, £1. The Town Band, for attending at proclaiming the King, £2. 2. 0.

1830. Mr. Durden, for new lifting Barrels to Town Pump, £25. 1. 0.

THE TOWN PROPERTY.

This consisted mainly of numerous Burgages, and rentals of various dates are in existence. The earliest, here printed, occurs with several others in C. 2. It is given in its original form, for it has been altered by a later hand. The words in brackets are additions.

DORCHESTER. THE RENTALLE OF THE TOWNE BURGAIGS Renewed there the xvjth daye of Ap'lle in the fourthe and fyvethe yeres of the Reignes of o^{r} most Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, Philippe and Marie, &c. [1558].

PETERS PARISHE.

Hughe Gryndham's Rente quarterly [for the *George*] is xxvj*s*. viij*d*. [xij*d*. chyfe Rent].

Morgan Hayne's Rente quarterlie is v*s*. x*d*.

William Langton's Rente quarterlie is ij*s*. vj*d*.

Margerye Snelling's Rente is iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Henry Kyngman's Rente quarterlie is xv*d*. [chyfe Rent].

Nicholas Mockett's Rente quarterlie is ij*s*. [chyfe Rent].

John Scalpyn's Rente quarterlie is ij*s*. vj*d*. [chyfe Rent].

John Martin's Rente quarterlie is ij*s*.

John Raynolde's Rente quarterlie is ij*s*. [chyfe Rent].

Marg'et Tynker's Rente quarterlie is xij*d*.

John Symond's Rente quarterlie is v*s*.

William Stone's Rente quarterlie is ij*s*. vj*d*.

It'm, Richarde Waglande yerelie at the feaste of Saincte John Baptiest at one entier payment, vj*s*. viij*d*.

TRINITIE PARISHE.

Edmonnde Boye's Rente quarterlie is v*s*. [chyfe Rent].

Katheryne Alford's Rente quarterlie is xiiij*d*.

Thomas Blundell's Rent quarterlie is v*s*. [chyfe Rent].

William Stone, thelder, his Rente quarterlie for a barne and a parler, ij*s*. [altered to iij*s*.].

Stephane Edmonnd's Rente quarterlie is ij*s*. vj*d*.

Richarde Quinte's Rente quarterlie is ij*s*. vj*d*.

Margarie Barrie's Rente quarterlie is iij*s*.

Richarde Perham's Rente quarterlie is xx*d*.

All Hallowen Parish.

Peter Deval's Rente quarterlie is iij*s*.
Hughe Gryndham's Rente quarterlie is xij*d*.
John Hammam's Rente quarterlie is v*s*. [chyfe Rent].
John Skott for his standyng q^{tr}ly is x*d*.
Delyvered to Roberte Aden to the Towne vse, ix*li*. xvij*s*. viij*d*.

The following are the Burgages sold by the Town, as noted in C. 2. :—

1554. Recd. of John Stratfford for ij Burgags solde to hym in fee symple, Lyenge in the Southe Streete nexte to his Orchearde, xxx*s*.

Recd. of Rob'te Aden for ij Burgaigs solde to hym in fee symple Lyenge and beinge in the Southe Streate nexte to his barne there, xxvj*s*. viij*d*.

1558. Sale of a burgage in Trinity parish, late in the tenure of John Alford, to John Corbyn, the elder, in fee simple, for xliij*s*. iiij*d*.

1575. Sale to John Hennynge of the garden ground in the Weast Walles, late in tenure of Richard Corbyn, and also the void ground adjoining, for £6. 13. 4.

Some further notes relating to the Town's possessions are as follows :—

1639, July 10. "Mr. Hill is desired to view the howse in Melcombe that Owyn Samwaies gave to the Towne and consider what will sufficiently repaire it." C. 12.

1656, Jan. 4. Rebecka Fudge, on account of her husband's death in the Indies, is forborne £3. 10. 0, the remainder of fine for the house sold her by the Town in Melcombe, till she receives her husband's pay from the State. C. 12.

1649-50, Jan. 18. "This day Joseph Derby propownded to the Companie that he might have either a lease or deed of that plott of grownd whereon there is a noisome and dangerous Mixon made behind the garden of the house that was late his father's." C. 12. [He was probably son of the late Town Clerk.]

1674, Sept. 25. Agreed to sell Thos. Browne, Esq., for £20, the inheritance of the garden of the house now in the possession of John Gould. C. 15.

Broadway Lands.

1695, May 10. It is mentioned that the Broadway Lands were purchased by money given by several persons, viz., Mr. Edward Dashwood, £50, Wm. Gape, gent., £100, the Lady Tirconnell, £80, and Thos. Freke, Esq., £50. A moiety of the profits of Mr. Gape's £100 was to be given to All Saints' Parish. C. 7.

1698, April 1. Rd. Garland, junr., of Broadway, yeoman, agrees to rent the Borough Lands at Nottington (which were purchased of one Notley) at £13 per ann., for 3 years from Lady day last. C. 7.

1707, Dec. 19. "Md. The deede of Feoffment of Broadway Lands and a Mortgage thereof made by Wm. Notley vnto Mr. Wm. Pitt, decd., were now delivered to me in order to have Livery and Seisen executed on the said Feoffment, and an assignment of the said Mortgage by the Executors or assignes of the said Wm. Pitt be made to some persons in Trust for the purchasers of the Inheritance. Witnes my hand, Robt. Loder." C. 7.

1710, Dec. 18. The Lands in Broadway to be sold to the best bidder. C. 7.

Entrance to County Gaol.

1803, Jan. 10. The Corporation had leased on 29th Aug., 1777, to Lord Milton, a messuage at the higher end of a place called the Bull Stake in St. Peter's parish, together with a room under, called the Engine House, for 99 years, determinable on the death of Rev. Wm. Rush Churchill, at a yearly rent of 6*s.* 6*d.* "The house has been totally taken down, and the land on which the same stood used for an entrance to the County Gaol." The Corporation ask for £10, for dilapidation and waste, or would sell the reversion to the County for £150.

1804, July 26. Agreed to grant to the County Magistrates a lease of the land late Rose's, for 999 years, to commence at Michaelmas next, in consideration of a surrender of the present lease and payment of £150, under the reserved yearly rent of one shilling. C. 42*a*.

THE BUTCHERS' SHOPS AND SHAMBLES.

A feature of the Town of Dorchester were the Butchers' Shops or standings and shambles, situate near the east end of St. Peter's Church, which were also Town property. Of

these there were two rows, east and west, and "The Butchers' Standings in the north of the Shambles" are thus given on 10th June, 1645 (C. 12) :—

In the West Rowe. In Lease.

Philabeth Conick.	Richard Yonge.
Mathew Bonger.	John Fooke.
Edward Coish.	Michaell Fooke.
William Conick.	John Gouldring.

Out of Lease . . . . Andrews.

In the East Rowe. In Lease.

John Fooke.	Thomas Conick.
Andrew Fooke.	Robert Powncy.

Out of Lease.

Roger Powncy, sen.	John Day.
William Powncy.	Edward Tewxbyry.
Math. Haggard.	Henry Powncy.

The situation of some of these shops is more particularly described in the leases entered in C. 14,* as :

1. "Being the wester flesh shambles or butcher's standing on the south parte of the High East Street in Dorchester aforesaid, having the Pentice House on the west part and the the butcher's standing of William Lany on the east part." 26th Sept., 34 Eliz.

2. "Being on the north parte of the stayers leading out and from the East Street in Dorchester aforesaid into the Churchyard of St. Peter there and vnder some parte of the Towne Hall." 20th Sept., 35 Eliz.

3. "Lying in the Markett Place of the said Borough vnder the Pentice House over against the shop of Peter Chub, and is on the west parte of and adioyning to the Piller there, and hath on the sowth parte thereof the Butcher's standing of one Thomas Tollerfeild." 25th Sept., 9 Jac.

4. "Lying in the west flesh shambles in Dorchester aforesaid, on the sowth side, and next adjoyning to the Stayers

* C. 14 contains a list of forty (numbered) leaves of Butchers' Standings, and one unnumbered, *temp.* Elizabeth, James I. and Charles I. It is followed by a list of some twenty or more standings of other trades, principally Glovers (whose standings were in South Street), ranging over the same period.

leading into the east parte of the Churchyard of St. Peter's in Dorchester aforesaid, which shop was late in the tenure of Peter Chub, deceased (except iiij foote and iij ynches on the back west side of the same shop, as it is divided already by an enterclose with free ingresse, egres and regres into and from the same roome)." 17th March, 11 Jac.

5. "Two butchers' standings, lying and being at the north end of the butchers' shambles in Dorchester aforesaid and on the west side of the streete there vnder the wall of the now dwelling house of Christofer Edmonds, whereof one is on the sowth parte of the doare of the same dwelling howse towards the Churchyard of St. Peter's Church, contayning in length xij foote and in breadeth v foot, and the other standing is on the north part therof going to and from the aforesaid doare soe fare as the sowther parte of the dwelling howse of Edward Coish which contayneth in length xv foote and in breadeth v foote." 31st Oct., 12 Jac.

6. "Late in the occupation of Thomas Tollerfeild, deceased, standing and being vnder le Bow in Dorchester aforesaid, between a standing of Michaell Fooke on the north, and a standing of John Gould on the east, and the street on the south." 30th Sept., 14 Jac.

7. "Lying on the north side of the High East Streete of the same Borough adioyning to the Piller of Stone which beareth parte of the house called the Bow, late in the occupation of John Gould deceased." 26th Oct., 16 Jac.

These notes are valuable for settling the topography of Old Dorchester.

The removal of the Shambles to another site was proposed on 20th March, 1783, but as it eventually appeared that the plans proposed would entail considerable expense, it was resolved on 7th July in that year, "That all further Proceedings therein upon the aforesaid Plans be laid aside. And whereas the Cupola or late Market House is taken down and another Market House much wanted, it is further resolved that the most convenient spot belonging to the Corporation be considered of and fixed on for that purpose forthwith. C. 27.

The Town Hall was erected in Mr. Stickland's Mayoralty in 1791.

In the Accounts of the Town Stewards (C. 37*a*) it is mentioned that at Michaelmas, 1793, of the seventeen butchers' shops, No. 1, the corner shop, was pulled down; No. 4, late

Rose's, was pulled down and taken into the Market House; as also were No. 5, late J. Pouncy's, No. 6, late Standishes, and No. 7, late Bull's. No. 10, late W. Ewer's, No. 11, late Thomas Ewer's, No. 12, late C. Brune's, No. 13, late Stephen Ford's, and No. 14, late Thomas Pleydall's, were in hand. No. 15, D. R. Michel, Esq., No. 16, Mrs. Edith Slade, No. 17. Robert Lock's, were all pulled down, and only the four following remained paying rent, viz., No. 2, Mr. William Davis, 16*s.*, No. 3, ditto, 8*s.*, No. 8, Thomas White, 16*s.*, and No. 9, late Eames', but taken by Mr. Templeman in lieu of late Rose's, 8*s.*

On 24th Feb., 1794, it was determined to rebuild on the same site they already occupied the Shambles, which had become "very ruinous and in great decay," together with the Ward of the Serjeants at Mace, standing at the north end thereof. "To defray the above expenses and other expenses incurred in building and completing the New Town Hall and Market House, the shops, when built, are to be sold separately by auction, for a lease of three lives in each shop, except the new intended Pork Shop and Weight House, and the three shops now held on lease for lives." C. 42*a*.

On 18th August, 1794, it was ordered that £245 be paid to Thomas Curme and Thomas Gritton for new erecting the Butchers' Shambles, now fully performed. C. 42*a*.

It was also resolved on 27th March, 1797, to "pull down and levell for the public benefit and advantage of the Town" the butcher's shop held on lease by the late Mr. William Davis, which had been purchased for the purpose with £134. 10. 9. C. 42*a*.

Encroachments.

[James I.] "Joseph Paty for his incroachment for a porch at his doare to pay yearly for it ynto the Bailiffs vj*d*." C. 14.

1639-40, Feb. 21. "Will'm Clarvetto having set vp 2 painted posts before his doare in the Streete is injoyned to take it downe forthwith, or else it will be cut downe and he fined for it, which he hath promised to doe." C. 12.

1661, May 24. "It was agreed that Mr. John Browne, of Frampton, shall pay twenty shillings for leave to sett vp pillars before his new house, at the same distance that mr. Stansbyes pillars are from the wall, and that mr. Bayliff

Stansby shall pay Ten shillings for setting vp of his pillars before his shop." C. 15.

1668, Aug. 6. Mr. Henry Bestland having set up a post in the street upon the Town Waste is ordered to remove this encroachment. Lawrence Righton having "set out a new bulke out of his shopp into the Street to a publiq3 anoyance, is desired to remove it—both before 6 of the afternoon. No enlargement of ancient bulkes to be allowed." C. 15.

1666, Oct. 1. "The widow Wilson compownded with the Towne for the setting of a signe post out on the streete from her house for the fine of vj*s*. viij*d*." C. 15.

1703-4, Mch. 3. A lease to Enoch Fortescue of two racks on the wast, for his life, and Samuell Bedloe is permitted to put up a racke on the wast for 5*s*. a year rent. C. 7.

1708, Oct. 29. John Maber, cordwinder, to pay 2d. a year "for erecting a bulke before the shopp window of his house." C. 7.

1770, Oct. 16. Sebastian Pitfield, victualler, to pay 2s. 6d. a year for erecting a Sign Post in the *Butter Market*. C. 27.

1779, 25 Sept. Mr. Wm. Bower to pay 2s. a year for erecting a Bow window in the front of his house called the Royal Oak. C. 27.

1784, 30 Sept. John Hawkins, whitesmith, to pay 1s. a year for erecting two Bow Windows in the front of his house opposite the Assize Hall. C. 27.

1793, June 15. Leave given to John Hackley to erect a Bow Window to his House in the High East Street in parish of All Saints, called the Three Marriners, on payment of yearly sum of one shilling for the encroachment, such Bow Window not to be erected within One Foot of the Pavement. C. 42*a*.

1823, Aug. 18. Leave given to Robert Williams, Esquire, to fix a Railing in front of Mr. John Bascombe's House, in a line with the adjoining House belonging to Mr. William Davis, Ironmonger, paying a yearly acknowledgment of Sixpence. C. 42*a*.

1835, March 30. Ordered that Mr. Stephen Gale be appointed on the part of the Corporation to measure and be prepared to prove the dimensions of the open space in front of each House about to be pulled down within the Borough, in order that any future Encroachments be prevented, and that he do begin with the House in the High West Street belonging to Mr. Charles Curm, now pulling down. C. 42*a*.

The Cupola, or Old Market House.

This building stood in Cornhill, near the centre of the town, and is shown in the plan of Dorchester given by the Corporation to the County History in 1772, with which may be compared the older plan of 1610.

1757, Apl. 28. "Ordered that Mr. Wm. Bryer, our Steward, do employ proper persons to take down the Lanthorn of the Cupola which is very ruinous and dangerous, and to fit up the wood-work and other parts of the Cupola in as good and cheap method as he can." C. 27.

1764, Oct. 1. Mary, wife of Edward Hibbs, of Knighton, Dorset, labourer, who pleaded guilty of a felony, was ordered "to be whipped tomorrow morning at the Cupola." C. 34.

1783, Feb. 28. "The Cupola being in a very ruinous state, and in its present situation quite a nuisance to the street, and it being the opinion of the gentlemen present that the Road would be more commodious for travelling if the same was intirely removed, It is resolved that the same be taken down, and that the Pump, which ought to stand for the Benefit of the Neighbourhood, be ornamented in such manner as shall be approved of at a future meeting. And in the mean time such Gentlemen as can conveniently procure a Design of such Ornament, together with an Estimate of the Expence, will be pleased to produce the same. The Town Steward is desired to take down the Cupola forthwith and to dispose of the Lead and other Materials to such Person or Persons who will give the best price for the same. And if in future a Market House shall be found necessary to be erected in the room of the Cupola now ordered to be pulled down, the same will be considered of at such future meeting.

P.S.—Mr. Robt. Stickland is desired to be assisting with the Town Steward in taking down the above Cupola in the course of a few days.

Robt. Lambert, Mayor, and others." C. 27.

1788, May 5. "Mr. Robert Stickland having purchased for the sum of three hundred and fifty two pounds and ten shillings, at the request of the Corporation, all that Burgage Tenement, lying in a street called the Cornhill within the said Borough, in Fee, bounded on the north side by the lands of Charles Martin, and on the south by the lands of the said Robert Stickland, in possession of Mr. Thomas Fisher, with an intent that if the said Parcell of Land should be thought by the said Corporation a convenient spot for building a Market House

Dorchester, view of Town Hall & Market Place, 1835.

and Guildhall for the said Borough, that such Market House and Guildhall might be built thereon; It is agreed that the said sum be paid to the said Robt. Stickland out of the Corporation Revenues, on his conveying to the said Corporation and their Successors in fee the said premises clear of incumbrances." C. 27.

The New Market House.

1791, June 13. A proper Markett house being wanted for this Borough, and no place being found more proper to erect the same on, than from the west pinion end, or gabel end of the Red Lion Inn in the Parish of St. Peter, to the east end of the Church Passage, and extending from North to South, to the North End of the second Butchers' Shops on the west and east sides of the Shambles; And a plan and estimate having been made and delivered in of such building which is to consist of a new Guildhall, Market house and Cellar;

Resolved first, that the same be immediately carried into execution, and that Workmen be applied to for Estimates accordingly.

The Honorable Cropley Ashley having generously offered a sum of Two Hundred Pounds to the Corporation of this Borough towards completing the above work, Resolved that our thanks be given him for the same.

It being necessary for the completion of the work to apply to several Proprietors of Shops for their consent to exchange their property, Resolved that Applications be made to the Right Honorble Lord Shaftesbury, Mr. Wm. Davis, Mrs. Slade, Robert Lock and John Pouncy for that purpose. C. 42*a*.

1794, Aug. 18. Thomas Curme, Thomas Gritton, Bernard Gale, George Read and Robert Rumsey delivered in their Estimates for finishing the new erected Markett House and Town Hall; such Estimates approved; the Town Clerk to draw up a Contract. C.42*a*.

1795, Apl. 20. The several workmen employed on building the Town Hall having delivered in their Bills amounting to £160; agreed to borrow of Richard Cozens, gent., of this borough, that sum, paying interest at 5%. C. 42*a*. (This appears to be the first instalment.)

1802, Dec. 29. Ordered to pay Mr. Fenteman, for surveying and superintending the building of the Guildhall, £36 15s. C. 42*a*.

This "New" Market House and Town Hall was situated on the east side of St. Peter's Churchyard. It has been succeeded by a still newer building, erected on the further side of the street in 1848, from designs by Benjamin Ferrey. See Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 406.

THE SHIREHALL.

This building was enlarged in the year 1638, when there is found "A particular noate of the names of such persons as have promised to contribute towards the charge of enlarging of the Shirehall with the severall somes by them contributed." C. 9, p. 115. A list is given of ninety-eight names. The highest contribution, that of "Mr. maior Ja: Gould," being £2. 10. 0, the lowest 2*s*. The total promised amounted to £66. 1. 0.

In C. 13 occurs "A note of such moneyes as are to be disbursed about the Shirehall, 1638." The total sum amounts to £72. 15. 2. Between a payment to Jno. Broome, pavier, and Richard Watts (? labourer) is found, "Itt. to Nath. Bower for francumsence 8d." The agreement made with Robert Wyer, 10th April, 1638, for work at the Shirehall, already occurs in Hutchins' *Dorset*, and need not be here reprinted. C. 9, p. 131.

1752-3, Feb. 28. £10 to be paid to Mrs. Ann, Mary and Margaret Cooper, for the damage done them in the Shirehall garden, by the building of the end of the Grand Jury Room on their Ground and loss to the present tenants of the said garden. C. 27.

1769, Oct. 30. "It is resolved that the County Hall be immediately fitted up for the reception of the Judges as a Court for holding the Assizes to prevent any further Complaint from them of the want of repairs, And that the Town Steward and Town Clerk do cause proper Estimates of the Expence of so doing to be prepared and laid before us at our next Meeting: And it is further resolved and agreed that the Town Steward for the time being do take possession of the said Hall and let out the same as a Warehouse or for any other purposes as shall be thought proper, taking care that no damage be done and all things removed in proper time before the Assizes or Sessions or other publick occasions on Notice given thereof, And that the Town Steward be desired to let the same accordingly." C. 27.

1791, 11 July. At the General Quarter Sessions for the County of Dorset, held before David Robert Michel, Francis John Browne and William Morton Pitt, Esquires, Justices.

It is proposed that the Ground on which the County Hall is built, be conveyed by the Corporation of the Borough of Dorchester to the County at large, for a Term of ninety nine years, and that a Quit Rent of the full value of the Ground, by way of Acknowledgment vizt. Five Pounds Str. be annually paid to the Corporation of the same.

That the Property of the said Buildings be declared to be in the County and the Expence of all Repairs, or Rebuilding when it may become necessary, shall for the future, and in whole be defrayed by the County.

That it be stipulated that the Corporation shall always be allowed the free use of the Hall, gratis for the purpose of holding their Sessions, Public meetings, Balls or any other public entertainments together with a Key of the outer Door for their greater Convenience but to be restricted expressly from letting it to Players, or to any Person or Persons whatsoever.

That the Record Room shall be put under the care, and into the Custody of the Clerk of the Peace for the time being, and his Successors, and never be put to any other Use, but the purposes for which it was intended.

That Troops on their march, or quartered in the Town may be accomodated with the Use of the Hall for a Guard Room and for the Lodging of their Baggage on an Engagement on the part of the Commanding Officer that if any Damage or Nuisance should happen he will defray the Expence thereof.

The Lease to be made to the Justices, who are appointed a Committee to visit and inspect the state of the Gaol, and their Successors as Trustees for the County. C. 42*a*.

(A lease was subsequently granted on 1st October, 1792, which may be read in Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 372. See also C. 42*a*).

Fairs and Markets.

The Fairs and Markets at Dorchester in 1337 are given in the Inquisition of that date, at page 8, viz. :—Fairs on the festivals of Holy Trinity, Nativity of St. John Baptist, and St. James, and Markets on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The following memoranda refer to later regulations.

1631, Nov. 21. Process to be taken against persons who have refused to pay toll, and who have broken the Liberty by arresting townesmen. C. 9.

1640, July 15. "Whereas Mr. John Gould, of Vpway, bringing in corne into our market which was brought from France, expects to have it Toll Free, It is thought fitt and so

ordered that he shall pay Toll corne for it, being noe way exempt." C. 12.

1640, July 22. "Sheepe Markett. It is agreed at the motion of Mathew Bonger, that the Serieants at Mace shall on St. James' day next proclaime in the faire that yf the Country men will bring in their sheepe and cattle on any market daies, provision shall be made for pyning of the sheep that shall be brought to the market to be sold." C. 12.

1692-3, Jan. 27. "Wee agree that Mr. Wm. Channing shall have and enioy the setting vpp and placeing of hurdles and therewith makeing Pynes for the sale of all sorts of Sheepe and Lambes in all the Faires and Marketts within this Borough from henceforth for the space of seven yeares, he payeing yearely to the Mayor for the tyme being twelve pounds at Mich'as yearely, and he finding and provideing hurddles and not takeing above Twelve pence per score and soe proporcionable. What Pavements be spoiled Mr. Channing is to amend." C. 7.

1700, Oct. 21. Lease from the Corporation to William Channing of Dorchester, maulster, of all that their faires and Marketts of and within the Borough for the selling and exposing to sale of all sorts of sheep and lambes, for 7 years, at £12 rent, he not to exact more than 12d. by the score for penning sheep and lambs, and to repair pavements prejudiced by the said penning. Richard Samwaies, Mayor. B. 45.

1693, Oct. 2. Court of General Quarter Sessions. "Whereas it is found by experience that diverse persons who bring corne, grain and other vendible comodities to this Towne to make sale thereof, doe often sett in and place such their corne and goods in Innes, Alehouses, Hosteries and other places or the greatest parte thereof, and carry some small parte thereof into the Marketts and faires that happen within this Borough, whereby the price of Corne and other Comodities are much inhaunced, and the poore and other Inhabitants abused thereby. And whereas diverse Millers, Bakers and Drovers take vppon [themselves] to buy great Quantities of Corne in and out of the Marketts in such places, whereby the same are soe placed as aforesaid. For Prevencion thereof for the future, It is ordered by this Court that if any Inkeeper, Tapster, Hostler, Alehouse Keeper, Hostery Keeper, or other person whatsoever, shall at any time receive, take in or harbour any Corne, graine or other vendible Comodities, or if any person or persons, that are the owners thereof or the servants

of such, shall refuse or neglect to carry into the Marketts or Faires within this Borough such Comodities as aforesaid, vnless it be after three of the clock in the afternoone in any Market or Faire day, or if any Miller, Baker or Drover, comeing to or being in the said Markett, shall presume or take vpon them, her or him to contract for or buy any Corne or graine in the Markett before twelve a Clocke in any Markett day, That then, vppon Complaynt to be made to any Justice of the Peece within this Borough, he is desired to bind over any such person as shall offend in any of the particulars before mencioned to the next Sessions, and in the meane time to be of the good behaviour." C. 21.

1708, Oct. 22. "Whereas diverse persons vseing the Marketts within this Borough and who bring potts or panniers with butter and cheese and place them in the Marketts without paying piccage or coverage money pretending they ought not to pay, And whereas Richard Brookes, waggoner, doth interrupt the Lessee of Hermitage Weights graunted by this Corporacion vnder our seale, Wee therefore agree that a prosecucion att Law be made, if occasion requires, against the persons aforesaid vseing the Marketts and against the said Richard Brookes, as Mr. Bond, our Recorder, shall advise." C. 7.

1757, May 16. "At a Meeting this Day of the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Borough, it is agreed that the Sheep Fairs, lately kept in a Lane called Pease Lane within this Borough, shall for the future be kept in the back West Street of the said Borough, from the West End of the said street as far as the East Corner of a garden now in the possession of Thomas Pook, gardner, and on both sides of the said street, as far as the opposite place to the said corner of the garden, and also all along the walks from the said West Corner, both north and south, as far as there shall be occasion: At the request and on the complaint of several Farmers and Owners of Sheep who come to the said Fairs, on account of the said Lane called Pease Lane being very inconvenient and even dangerous for penning sheep in the said Lane." C. 27.

1770, Oct. 16. The serjeants at Mace to pay the Town Steward £21, for tolls of Fairs and Markets by them usually collected, and to collect the Burgage Rate. C. 27.

1795, Apl. 27. "The Price of all kinds of victualls and Provisions brought to this Market being increased to an exorbitant Degree, and which is in a great measure thus en-

hanced by Hucksters, Higlers and retailers, buying at an early hour of the Market-Day Quantities of such victualls and Provisions in order for selling the same again in the same Market, or elsewhere, before the Inhabitants can be supplied by the Market people with what is necessary for their own Families, And also by Forestalling the Marketts; For the remedying which injurious and unlawfull Practises it is become expedient that the laws be put in Force against such Offenders, And that certain orders and regulations be made respecting the Marketts of this Borough."

1st. That the Markett days, being on Wednesdays and Saturdays for this Borough, shall begin at seven of the Clock in the Morning, and not earlier, and that no person shall sell any provisions or victualls of any kind whatsoever in the Markett places of this Borough till the Market commences at the Time above appointed, which is to be proclaimed by the ringing of the Town Bell.

2nd. That no Person who buys to sell again shall resort to such Market to buy of the market people there, nor in any manner deal or contract for the purchase of any provisions or victualls before the Hour of Twelve of the Clock in the forenoon of each Market Day, at which Hour the Town bell shall be again rung (except butter, which may be purchased at any time after Ten o'clock in the Morning between the first day of May and the first day of September next ensuing).

3d. That all Provisions and Victualls, brought for sale to this Borough, shall be exposed to sale in the usual Market places where such Articles are usually sold, and not sold privately and at private Houses.

4th. That all Potatoes in the Quantity of a bushell or upwards shall be sold by weight. C. 42*a*.

1806, April 7. Approved of suggestion made by several of the Principal Farmers, Graziers and Butchers of the County of Dorset, that it will be for the Public advantage and convenience to have fat and lean sheep and cattle sold at the Market for this Borough on Saturday, 19th April instant, and so to continue every Fortnight until the 28th of June next inclusive. C. 42*a*.

1806, June 30. Resolved that Notice be given to John Chapman to quit the Hurdle House of which he is Tenant at Lady Day next, and which is to be from that time used for depositing the Hurdles and Standings belonging to the Fairs and Markets. Resolved also that the Price of the

Pens for sheep at the Fairs and Markets be raised to one Shilling and six pence for every score of sheep and lambs, on account of the advanced Price of the Hurdles, to commence on next Saint James' Fair, and that Notice thereof be given by advertisement. C. 42*a*.

1817, Jan. 8. Agreed that no standings be in future allowed on the pavement on the North side of the High West Street, between the Eastern part of the old butter Market and the first column of the Church yard wall from the Guildhall, and that the standings to be removed be placed on Market and Fair days to the said old butter Market. C. 42*a*.

1827, Dec. 12. Resolved that the Fairs and Markets shall be let by auction for one year, to commence from the 25th day of March next, and that a Salary shall be paid to the Serjeants at Mace as a compensation for the duties of their office, in lieu of the Tolls of the Markets. C. 42*a*.

1828, Dec. 19. That in pursuance of the Recommendation of the Jury at the late Quarter Sessions for the Borough, no Butcher or Pork Dealer be allowed in future to have standings under the Hall on the west side of the Road, but that it be used by Dealers in Poultry, Butter and Eggs. C. 42*a*.

1830, Mch. 8. Ordered that the Tolls and Dues of the several Markets and Fairs be advertized in the Dorset County Chronicle to be let by Tender for two years from the 25th Instant with an option for the Taker to give them up at the end of the first year on giving three months Notice to the Town Clerk. C. 42*a*.

1832, Apl. 17. Agreed to let the Markets and Fairs for three years from 25th March last, to Henry Mack, at yearly rent of £160 payable monthly, option to quit at end of first year on 3 months Notice. C. 42*a*.

1833, Apl. 1. The requisition lately presented to the Mayor for calling a Meeting to consider the propriety of seeking to obtain powers in the contemplated new Paving Act to alter the day of one of the Summer Fairs and to hold the Sheep Fairs out of the Town was discussed and the object of it approved. C. 42*a*.

1835, Feb. 11. Ordered that in pursuance of the power for that purpose contained in the new Paving Act, the Fair heretofore held on Trinity Monday be in future held on the 25th day of October yearly, and that Notice thereof be given accordingly as by the said Act is required.

Ordered that the Town Clerk do take the necessary

measures for letting the Tolls of the Fairs and Markets by Tender for one year from the 25th day of March next. C. 42*a*

Weights and Measures.

1793, Oct. 26. It being represented that the Pork Shop, or Weight House, is become very offensive, and a nuisance owing to the Butchers weighing the raw Hides and Tallow there; Agreed that the present scales shall be removed from the Weight House to the Tree opposite Chubb's Almshouse near the Fryery, and a new Pair of Scales, for the Pork and Butchers Meat only, be purchased for the Weight House, in the room of those to be taken away for the weighing of the Hides and Tallow as aforesaid; And that a shed over the scales be erected if found to be necessary. C. 42*a*.

1825, Feb. 16. Resolved that no steps be at present taken respecting the new Weights and Measures, the time being likely to be extended for bringing them into use. C. 42*a*.

1834, Dec. 22. Mr. Bennett Harvey, Jun., having offered to supply the Corporation with a compleat copy of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures, properly passed and authenticated, at the sum of fifty nine Pounds (exclusive of carriage) upon the old weights and measures being given up to him; Resolved, that Mr. Harvey's offer be accepted, and the same provided forthwith, and that such new Weights and Measures be marked with the figure of a small Castle, with the letter D in the centre. C. 42*a*.

1834, Dec. 20. Mr. Bennett Harvey writes that he has examined the Weights and Measures at the Town Hall, and that there will be required a New Bushell, Half Bushell, Peck, Gallon, Half Gallon, Gill and Half Gill Measures, and an Eight ounce, Four ounce, Two ounce, One ounce, Half ounce, Quarter ounce, Dram and Half Dram Weights, to make the set compleat. A compleat set of new Weights and Measures with Imperial Yard will be £65, exclusive of carriage. The value of the old Weights and Measures, now in the Hall, is about £6 6*s*. (Letter pinned in C. 42*a*.)

Street Improvements and Regulations.

1631, July 13. No Brewers of the town, after 24th Aug. next, shall carry beer abroad in the town in carts with iron bonds on the wheels, these having injured the pavement. C. 9.

1639-40, Jan. 29. "To have a buy law made and confirmed at next Lawday for paving the streets at every man's charge except x*li*. out of the Brewhouse to pave publik places." C. 12.

1641, Oct. 27. "It is ordered and agreed that the said vj*li*. [received for grant of a lease] shall be bestowed in paving the void place unpaved from the Butchers standing northwards sufficiently, and what it costs more Mr. Maior doth vndertake to procure." C. 12.

1693, Jan. 12. Court of General Quarter Sessions. "It is ordered by this Court that every Inhabitant within this Borough in every Street thereof doe weekly on every Saterday well and sufficiently sweepe and cleanse before their seuerall houses, outhouses, gardens and walks, home to the midle of the gutter or kennell, and take and carry away the dust, dirt and filth that shall be there, &c." C. 21.

1769, June 6. "All the Coopers within the Borough were sent for and ordered to remove all nuisances, and not to make their Casks or do their Work in the streets for the future." C. 27.

1783, Sept. 18. "Mr. Robert Stickland having purchased the White Hart Inn in the parish of All Saints within the said Borough by the desire of the Corporation for the sum of £680, the same is approved of, and Resolved that the east part thereof be pulled down as soon as conveniently may be after the purchase is compleated, and that as a considerable sum of money will be wanting to carry the scheme into execution, it is further Resolved that application be made to our present Representatives for the favour of their aid and assistance to enable us to perform the same." C. 27. [This effected an improvement at the eastern entrance of the Town. See *ante*, on p. 488.]

1812, Nov. 6. A Petition having been presented by the Inhabitants of this Borough addressed to the Mayor and Corporation, requesting their consent, as Proprietors of the Reversion and Inheritance of the Houses in the Occupation of Thomas Standish, James Mills and others, to the pulling down and destroying the same for the Purpose of widening the street near Saint Peter's Church; It was at this Meeting considered that the pulling down such Houses will be of great Advantage to the Public and tend to the Improvement of the Town of Dorchester, and have therefore Resolved and agreed that the Mayor and Corporation do consent to give up and relinquish their Right and Interest in the said Houses, so far

as may be necessary towards accomplishing the above object. C. 42*a*.

1825, Aug. 29. Resolved that the Public Pump erected by Mr. Bennett Harvey, sen., in consideration of his being allowed to extend his Building on some part of the waste belonging to the Corporation, be repaired by them, and the Town Steward is desired to lower the Bed of the Pump to the same level with the street, and to take out the initials "B.H." C. 42*a*.

1828, Mch. 3. Ordered that measures be taken under the Paving Act for suppressing all Nuisances and Obstructions on the Foot and Horse Ways within the Borough by Tradesmen putting goods before their Houses and Shops. C. 42*a*.

1831, Sept. 5. Resolved, that the Town Steward do give out of the Corporation Funds the sum of Ten Pounds towards the Improvement at the entrance of Durngate Street by purchasing and pulling down the projecting part of Mr. Elias Galpin's House. C. 42*a*.

1833, Apl. 1. A Licence granted to "The Dorchester Gas Light and Coke Company" to lay down their works and pipes in the streets, etc. C. 42*a*.

1833, Oct. 14. Resolved that the Corporation do request the Gas Company to place a Lamp over the Blindhouse Door, and also lay down Pipes and do what may be necessary for lighting both the Rooms at the Town Hall with Gas, and that the Corporation bear the expence of the whole, including the keeping the Lamp over the Blind House regularly lit. C. 42*a*.

Watch and Ward.

1641, Nov. 8. "It is agreed in regard of these dangerous tymes: That there bee window leaves made by the Steward of the Borough for the windowes of the back partes of the shire hall and *gable* (?) place there and set vp in the Inside speedily, and alsoe for the small window next Mris. Hiatts, or walled vp, and that there shall bee a constant watch till further order within the Towne in euery night of xij, whereof iij shall watch about the Sheerehall and betwene the Shirehall and Mr. Churchilles howse. And that one discreete person shall euery Lord's day during service and sermon watch on the Towre of Peter's and veiw the country round about. And that the Townesmen shall bee moved to provide all their armes in readines for defence of the Towne." C. 9.

1641, Nov. 22. "It is ordered that this number of 12 be reduced to 8, and that two more every night of substantiall

men of the towne to be of the number 42 to surrownd and looke to the watch, from tenne at night till 5 in morning, and they to be excused for that from their ordered night watch." C. 9.

1641-2, Jan. 28. "It's this day thought fitt and ordered that there shall be an award set every Saboth and fasting day of eight men, two at the east end of the Towne, one at the galloes, two at the south end of the Towne, one at the west end, two at Glippath, alsoe that one man shall in tyme of divyne prayer and sermon be set to watch in the tower both forenoone and afternoone." C. 12.

1643, June 23. "Ordered that in respect of the danger of the times there be a strict course taken tomorrow at the Fayre for feare of Incomers." C. 12.

1652, Oct. 29. Six blacke bills to be bought by the Town Steward for the Watchmen. C. 12.

1704-5, March 2. "Robt. Phippard is excused by reason of his age, which is seaventy and five, from watching and warding within this Borough." C. 7.

1834, Sept. 19. In pursuance of the new Paving Act, Abraham Scriven, George Hawkins and Richard Pope, the Watchmen of the said Borough, were sworn in as Constables for the said Borough before the Mayor during their continuance in office as Watchmen. C. 42*a*.

The Town Chest and Documents.

1656-7, Jan. 2. "The Keyers for this yeare for the Keyes of the Towne Chest are elected and nominated Mr. Major and Mr. Bailiffs : and that the ancient order be continued that the Chest be not opened unlesse their be eight of the Capitall Burgesses present, and new Keyers to be chosen every yeare." C. 15.

1707, May 5. Mr. George Lester, having on the 28th Sept. last, broken open the Corporation's Chest, and abstracted the Common Seal and Book of Entries belonging to the Guardians of the Free School, which had been entrusted by them to this Corporation for 90 years and upwards, and having nailed down the said Chest so that it cannot be opened,—and when summoned to open the said Chest and deliver up the Seal and Book of Entries, having refused and "behaved himselfe very vnmannerly and gave base and vnworthy language," is now removed from being a Capital Burgess. C. 7.

1708-9, Jan. 28. Mr. Thos. Seward, Mayor, to be reimbursed £8. 16. 11, expenses in carrying on a Lawsuit against Mr. George Lester, decd., for breaking open the Chest of the Corporation. C. 7.

1802, Dec. 29. Resolved that a proper Place for depositing the Records, Books and Papers belonging to the Corporation be made under the Directions of the Mayor, the Town Steward, Mr. White, Mr. Nathaniel Stickland and Mr. Manfield. C. 42*a*.

1832, Feb. 23. In consequence of the Service upon the Mayor of the Speaker's Warrant, requiring the production to certain persons therein named of the public Documents relating to Whetstone's Charity, the same were this day searched for and investigated, and it was ordered that the Documents relating to the said Charity, now left in the hands of the Town Clerk, be produced by him accordingly, but he is directed not to allow the same to go out of his possession, nor to allow any entry or particular relating to another Charity to be seen. C. 42*a*.

1835, Dec. 21. Ordered that the Mayor, assisted by the Town Clerk, be requested to look through the Muniments and other Documents and Papers, and separate those which belong to the Corporation in their corporate character from those which relate to Trust or Charitable affairs, in order that the former may be ready to be delivered to the new Council. C. 42*a*.

New Town Seal.

1629, Dec. 23. "It is this day agreed vpon that whereas there is a new siluer seale made for this Corporacion, with the armes of this Borough graven upon it, and this inscription about it: SIG . MAIOR . BAL . ALD . ET . BVRG . DE . DORCHESTER . C . DORSET. That this seale shall from this day forward serve for all publique uses, and all the old Towne seales shalbe disanulled." C. 9.

1631-2, Jan. 28. A fee of 2*s*. 6*d*. to be charged for affixing the Town Seal to any writing except for Town affairs,—to be paid to the Mayor. C. 9.

Dorchester Farthings.

1668-9, Feb. 5. "This day ordered and desired that Mr. Jasper Samwayes, one of this Company, doe speedily procuer twenty pounds in Copper Farthings for the beneffit off the pore of this Borough, and that the Towne Armes be

ingrauen on one side and HD on the other syde, and on the side where the Townes Armes are, to be ingrauen round the armes of Dorchester, and on the other side where HD a Dorchester Farthing and vnder HD the date of the Lord." C. 15.

(The meaning of this monogram "H D" was solved by Rev. J. H. Ward, in a communication to *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. iii., p. 104, as standing for "Hospital of Dorchester." The order of the letters may be accounted for by supposing they represent the name in a Latin form, as *Hospitium Dorcestrense*.)

Lawrence Righton's Halfpence.

1668-9, Feb. 5. "Mr. Lawrence Righton, haueing a certaine Brasse coine which he passeth for halfe pence, there being noe such Inscription on them, promiseth, in case they be put downe or doe not passe, will retake them att the same rate he now passeth them, being halfe pence. (Signed), Lawrence Rightton." C. 15.

The Town Clock.

1620, Mch. 31. Thomas Walden agrees to maintain and repair the clock, quarter clock and chimes of the Borough, for 21 years, if he live so long, and inhabit the Borough, at 10s. a year. C. 4.

1639, July 17. "John Roberts, the clockmaker, hath this day agreed with the Company to keep the Towne clock of Peter's parish for xiij*s*. iiij*d*. a yeare, to be paid quarterly by the Towne Steward, the said Roberts to amend all defects in the clock except by any accident the clock shall be extraordinarily broken, his terme to begin at Than [the Annunciation] last, and upon a quarter's warning his agreement to be void." C. 9, p. 132.

1650, Dec. 27. "John Roberts and Matthew Bennett have undertaken betwixt them to keepe the Clocke at Peter's church in good order by the consent of this Company. And that Bennett shall ring eight a'Clocke at night and fower in morning." C. 12.

Assembly of the Corporation.

1630, Dec. 29. "Agreed on by the Maior and maior part of the Justices and capitall Burgesses of this Borough, That every of the Capitall Burgesses, vnless for sufficient cause to be by them shewed to the contrary, shall be presente

assembled togither in the Towne Hall of this Borough, haueing every of them their gownes on every Wednesdaie by viij of the clocke in the morninge from henceforth followinge, sup p'a [sub pena] for every such default xij*d.* to the vse of the poore, and shall likewise all of them on every Friday from henceforth assemble togither at the place aforesaid, every Fridaie from henceforth by one of the clocke in the afternoone, supp'a for every such default xij*d.* to the vse aforesaide." C. 9.

Livery Gowns.

1694, Dec. 21. "Forasmuch as good order and decency have byn heretofore vsually practised within this Borough, and especially amongst the Mayor, Bayliffes, Aldermen and Capitall Burgesses for the time being, and in particular in wearing of their Livery Gownes on Sundayes and other dayes, when the Mayor for the tyme being is attended to and from Church, on Lawdaies, Quarter Sessions, and other Sessions usualy held, and attending on Judges in their Circuits, and other Noble persons comeing into this Borough, which have not byn soe well manadged of late yeares, in respect persons, chosen into this Company, have neglected to buy and weare such Livery Gowns as aforesaid." It is ordered that the lately chosen Capital Burgesses provide and wear a Livery Gown at or before the next Lent Assizes on pain of £5 a piece. The Recorder is also to wear a Gown when he attends the Mayor and Magistrates. C. 7. [Order renewed 3 Dec., 1708.]

Corporation Pews.

Dorchester, 18th October, 1816,

Reverend Sir,

By the direction of the Mayor and Corporation of this Borough I take the liberty of addressing you as the Archdeacon of this County on the following subject.

In the Parish Churches of The Holy Trinity and Saint Peter, at both of which the Corporation attend divine Service, the Duty is performed on Sundays for the mutual accomodation of the Inhabitants of both parishes, at one of them in the Morning and at the other in the Evening, and in each of such Churches three seats in the Square are indispensably necessary for the Members of the Corporation, and which they have usually enjoyed.

One of such seats in the Church of The Holy Trinity was lately locked up by the Churchwardens, which prevented

the use of it by some of the Members of the Corporation, and there was not sufficient Room for them in the two other Seats belonging to the Corporation.

The Corporation, therefore, request that as Archdeacon you will have the goodness to represent this matter to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and request his Lordship's Authority for the Corporation having the exclusive enjoyment of the three Seats in the south part of the Square of the Church of the Holy Trinity in this Town.

With great Respect I remain, Reverend Sir,
Your most obedt. h'ble Servant,
Geo. Stickland,
Town Clerk.

Stafford, nr. Dorchester, Octr. 19, 1816.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the favor of your letter communicating the Wish of the Mayor and the Corporation of Dorchester, to be accomodated with a Third Seat in the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Desirous as I am at all times to pay a due Deference to the constituted Authorities of the Country, and anxious in a more particular manner to manifest my respect to The Corporation of Dorchester, both collectively and individually, I beg that you will have the goodness to acquaint Mr. Mayor and the other Members of the Corporation, that previous to my receiving the Honor of their commands I had submitted to the Churchwardens of both Parishes the propriety of resigning to the use of the Corporation the Third Seat; And I flatter myself with the Hopes that this Intimation may render any further application unnecessary.

Should I unfortunately be disappointed, I will not fail to represent to The Bishop the wishes of the Corporation of the Borough of Dorchester. I am, Sir, your obedient humble Servt.,

W. England.

To G. Stickland, Esqr;

Dorchester, 21st November, 1816.

Reverend Sir,—I was duly favoured with your letter, which I immediately laid before the Mayor and Corporation. They desire me to return you their best thanks for your kind

communication and Attention to their wishes, and to inform you that the Churchwardens of the parish of The Holy Trinity have paid no Regard to your Suggestion. The Corporation are therefore now under the necessity of availing themselves of your obliging Offer, and of requesting you will have the Goodness to represent to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese their wishes on the subject.

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect, Reverend Sir, your most obedt. humble Servt.,

Geo. Stickland,
Town Clerk.

Stafford, Decr. 9, 1816.

The Archdeacon begs the Favor of the Town Clerk to acquaint the Mayor and Corporation that It is the Bishop's Pleasure that the Corporation of Dorchester should have the Three Seats in the Church of The Holy Trinity which they require, appropriated solely to their use; And he has signified the same to the Churchwardens of that Parish. C. 42*a*.

THE HOSPITAL.

A full account of the establishment of this "Hospital," for setting the poorer portion of the inhabitants to work, is given in Hutchins' *Dorset*, and need not here be repeated, but the following extracts from the Minutes of the Corporation are valuable as showing the working of the Institution. The deed of foundation is dated 6th Oct., 15 James I., 1617.

1618, May 25. "It is this day agreed that John Cooke shall dwell in the Hospital or Workehouse for a whole yer from Midsom' next vnto Mydsom' come 12 moneth, 1619. And the said John Cooke is to pay the teacher of Spynners during that tyme." C. 4.

1631-2, Feb. 1. "Received of the right wo'll the Lady Jane Browne, of Frampton, the summe of Tenne pounds of current English mony as a guift which shee bestowed on the poore of the Towne of Dorchester to imploy them in worke, and the same Ten pownds shall bee according to her request putt into the hands of the Governor of the Hospitall of the same Towne to sett the poore on worke, and soe remayne in record to posterity amongst many worthy benefactors, wee say received the first of February, 1631, the summe of x*li*." C. 9.

1632, Oct. 26. Receipt to Gilbert Loder, executor, of

£33. 6. 8, legacy of Johan Gould, decd., to the "Governor of the poore children of the Hospitall of the Maior, Baylyffes, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester," for the use of the Hospital and the children, "to make up a summe of one hundred Markes (one hundred powndes)" which she had given in her lifetime for the erection of the Hospital. C. 9.

1634, Apr. 18. "There shall bee noe more Stewards chosen for the Hospitall of the Bailiffs and Burgesses of this Borough, But that the Governor of the said Hospitall shall have and execute the said office of Steward, and doe and performe such things as to the said Steward shall appertayne." C. 9. [This rule was not maintained.]

1634, Apr. 18. John Coker displaced from being Governor of the Hospital, and Mr. Richard Savage, woollen draper, chosen in his stead. C. 9.

1638, June 19. "This day John Tarrenton, now of Forthington, is agreed withall to vndertake charge and to be master of the Hospitall to imploy halfe the children at present at burlinge,* and afterward the others as they are willing and able, To have the howse and Tenne [*sic*] per An: wages for the presente, and yf all the Children come vnto burlinge, and ther be no need of the women that doe now teach them to spinne, then the Towne to consyder of Tarrington to giue him either part or all, that is ix pownd, the women now hath." C. 12.

1639, Jan. 17. To remember to question him [John Ash] about chatachisinge the children which he hath neglected a greate while. C. 12.

1639-40, Jan. 24. "John Ash, the bonelace teacher, gave in his accompt to Mr. Maior of the bonelace stock, and thereon it appeareth Walter Spicer oweth 21*li.* 7*s.* and promised to give his owne security for it to pay xx*s.* a weeke vntill the debt bee paid, and is now ordered and hath promised to catechist the children of the Hospitall twice a weeke from henceforth, which he was to doe by agreement, but hath for a good tyme neclected it." C. 12.

1640, April 24. "It was agreed one that Thomas Churchill, baker, that is very sick and in bad condition, and now goinge to the Bath, shall have xx*s.* out of the Hospitall, out of that mony that is sett aparte yerely to cure lame people,

* To burl, "to dress cloth as fullers do." Bones, "a sort of bobbins made of trotter bones for weaving bone-lace." (*Bailey*).

which shall be delivered to his wife to be given them to make provision for his Jorny." C. 12.

1640, July 31. "This day Mr. Bond making a proposal for altering the course of bone lace making and putting the children to spining and burling and thes to be talked of againe the next meeting." C. 12.

1640, Sept. 11. "It is agreed that the children that now are in the Hospitall to make boane lace shall have warning to betake them to some other imployment by Chrismas next, and that John Ash shall haue warning to leave the imployment in the Hospital at Chrismas next, or as soone as his tyme of warning, which he is to have by agreement, is expired, and that the children which will betake them to spynning or burling shall be imployed in that imployment by the steward of the Hospitall." C. 12.

1640, Sept. 12. John Ash, teacher of the bonelace makers in the Hospital, agrees to give up that imployment at Michaelmas next. C. 12.

1640, Oct. 2. "John Ash, bone lace maker, gave in his accompt of the Hospitall stock in his hands, which was imployed in bone lace, in imploying the poore children in worke.

He charges himselfe with mony in his hands of the Hospitall stock, for which his bond lies .. 050*li.* 00 . 0

In satisfaccion whereof he hath brought in his account of threed, lace and debts dew for lace .. .. 050 . 08 . 0

The particulars of which threed and lace he hath delivered in to Mr. Maior and the company in his box which is in the Counsell house sealed vp with Mr. Maior's and John Ashes seales, and it is all offered to John Ash for 47*li.* to be paid 25 March next, and he craves tyme to give his answeare."

1640, Oct. 5. "John Ash made an absolute bargaine for it for the sume aforesaid, and received the box and lace and threed sealed vp for his owne vse in presence of Mr. Maior Mr. Joliff and Willm. Derby." C. 12.

1640, Dec. 1. "It is ordered that the v*li.* to be paid to Peter Salanova for cutting of Giles Garretts leg shall be paid out of the x*li.* yearely paiable out of the Hospitall for pious vses, by order for such vses, and to have the one halfe having cutt of his leg already, and the other halfe when he is thoroughly cured." C. 12.

1640, Dec. 11. "John Torrington, now Mr. of the Hospitall, desiring to have his wages of 12*li.* and the howse

to be augmented to 20*li.* yearely, besides the howse, in regard he hath now more children for him to oversee, for that the bonelace making is now discharged in the howse, or els he will leave the place and imployment by Than: of the Virgin Mary next; and Mr. Maior and the company hath answered him they will before that tyme provide a man for that place or sooner yf John Torrington shall leave the imployment." C. 12.

1640-1, Feb. 12. An agreement of this date (C. 9, p. 94) between the Corporation and John Torrington, overseer of the children of the Hospital, is printed in Hutchins' *Dorset.*

1640-1, Feb. 17. "It is this day ordered that Thomas Wier, who hath an infirmity growne vppon him by a carnosyty growne in his . . . . and the Capt. Sala Noua promyseth to doe his endeauor to cure him, but demandeth 6*li.*, for present, for his dyet, phisicke and his Paynes; This Company have ordered the stuard of the Hospital to pay three pownd toward the charge vnto Capt: Salanoua." C. 12.

1643, June 23. "It is ordered that the fiftie pounds that Mr. Bushrod hath in his hands of the Hospital stockes shall at Mr. Bushrod's motion be employed in Clothing for the setting the poore aworke in the Hospital house, at the hazard of the Towne, or to the profitt and losse of the Towne."

Directly after this entry is added, "By reason of the Warres this booke was discontinued for fower yeares and another booke was made use of for the Towne busines, &c."

The next entry is dated 1 Oct., 1647. C. 12.

1646, Dec. 11. "This day Mr. Mayor and the Capital Burgesses of this Borough did agree that in respect of the late wars and troubles and losses sustained, as also for that the Hospital hath had no children in it for this three yeares last past, that the rents, due to the Hospital from Mr. Mayor, Mr. James Gould, and Mris. Parkins for fower yeares last past at Midsommer last, should not be required nor exacted in full by the Gouernor of the sayd Hospital, but that the sayd parties should be abated the one halfe of fower yeares rent, as aforesayd, . . . and that the children may be speedily sett aworke and the house brought into order." C. 9.

1649, May 7. "This day Tho: Clench was here, and demanded 10*li.* per ann. more than the stocke of the Hospital which is 150*li.* lent him for the furnishing of the house with worke for spinners, and for the ouerlooking to the children.

And that if he doth not shortly offer to this Company a fitt man to live in the house in his steede, such a man as wee shall approve of, that then he will resolve to go and live in the house himselfe, and that the Spinners shall have all the yeare 3½d a *li.* for yearne.

This order to be fully agreed upon when the Company is full. And that there be as many children kept aworke as the roomes will hold. This agreement to continue for five yeares from Midsomer next, and Clement Bryne is approved of to live in the house." C. 12.

1649, Dec. 14. "This day it was agreed that xx*s.* should be lent unto Tho: Saunders by the steward of the Hospital of the Brewhouse monny to buy leather to sett him on work and xx*s.* to Mathew Bennet vpon the same tearmes." C. 12.

1649-50, Feb. 6. "It is resolved and agreed that on Fryday next, or next meeting, wee shall take into consideracion the setting of the poore on worke in spinning of worsted, and knitting of stockins, and also of setting vp a trade of making sackcloth. And Mr. Savage is desired to send for the sackcloth maker of Great Tollar, to treatt with him about his helpe in the same." C. 12.

1649-50, Feb. 8. Edward Hayne, an Hospital boy, apprenticed to Henry Hillard, the Button maker, for 9 years, premium 4*li.* in money and 20*s.* in apparel. C. 12.

1649-50, Feb. 15. "This day it was agreed that Mr. Losse should be payed by the Steward of the Hospital the somme of viij*li.* for his paynes and fee as Phisitian in taking care of the poore of the Towne for the last yeare ending Michaelmas last, as it hath bin formerly accustomed."

1651, Nov. 19. "Mr. Bushrod, Steward of the Hospital, is ordered and desired to disburse vnto the Widow Foote x*s.* for the curing of the Widow Huchins' lame leg at present; and x*s.* more when the cure is finished." C. 12.

1651, Dec. 19. "This day Mr. Mayor and this Company agreed with Robert Guifford's wife to teach such poore children of the Towne as should offer themselves to be taught to reade at the Chamber ouer the Hospital, and for her paynes therein shee is to be payed x*li.* per ann. in case there be not more than 30 children taught, but if there be more then 30 children, then shee is to be payed xij*li.* per annum." C. 12.

1652, Sept. 24. "It is ordered and desired that Mr. Bushrod, the Steward of the Hospital, do pay vnto Mr. Mullens

the somme of thirty shillings for curing of Hugh Rogers of a dangerous fistula." C. 12.

1652, Oct. 15. "Ordered that the poore children which are learners to reade at the Hospital shall be clad with vpper clothes, suites and lynnen, and that it bee don by the fifth of November, if possible, by the Steward of the Hospital, whose care is desired herein. And it is ordered that the nomber of children to be taught to reade at the Hospital shall from henceforth not exceede the nomber of threescore. And that Mr. Bayliffes for this yeare be desired to take the ouersight of the Schollars, and that none bee hereafter admitted to the Schole but by Mr. Bayliffes' permission." C. 12.

1653, March 25. "There was a tender made to Mr. Mullens, the Chirurgion, the some of xxxs. for curing of Thomas Hobbs, but hee answered hee would consider of it next weeke." [He declined.] C. 12.

1653, May 20. "A List of children at the Hospital which have bin this yeare clothed, but neglect to follow their reading and schole—Edward Allen's 3 children have bin there but one weeke since Ch'tide: Widow Counter's children wanting a moneth at a time: Edw: Millar's 2 children not there since Ch'tide: Peter Trask his 2 children not there since Ch'tide till now lately: — Gray in Alhollowes 1 child not there since Xtide: Maunders' 2 children not there since Xtide: Widow Lee's boy not there since Xtide: John Bryne his boy Thomas not there since Xtide, his other boy seldome there." C. 12.

1654-5, Jan. 5. £3 more (£3 already paid) be paid to Cassander[ra] Haggard, "for finishing the great cure on John Drayton otherwise Keuse. C. 12.

1654-5, March 23. "Itt is agreed this day betweene Mr. Maior, Bailiffs and Companie and Mr. Thomas Clench,*

* 1662, Aug. 11. Mr. Clench, who owes the town £63. 10. 6, to the Town Steward 23 pieces of cottons: when sold, Mr. Clench is to have the overplus.

1662, Aug. 22. Mr. Clement Bryne is to be asked whether he will take the Cottons and give security for £100.

1663, July 15. "Wm. Wade and Joseph Seward shall adventuer the three and twentie peces off Cottons off Mr. Clenches into Fraunce, and that they shall hold an account off the neate proceeds thereoff vnto this Company."

1665, April 7. "This day ordered that the sixty pounds due to the Lord Hollis from the old magistrates for Barley be tendered John Dammer some tyme the next weeke, and that Wm. Wade and Joseph Seward doe pay the mony out [of] the mony they did adventuer to Fraunce for the vse off Corporation." C. 15.

that Mr. Clench is to bee Maister and overseer of the Hospital and the children thereof, for three yeares from Lady day next. And he is to have yerely for his paines 100*l.* lent gratis and to hold and enioy the howse and viij*l.* a yeare more. And the towne to repaire the howse and buildings, and Mr. Clench is to take care of and over the children that shalbe sent thither: and he is to take care to teach and correct them in due and fitt manner and to see that they neglect not the Sabboth," &c. C. 12.

1658, April 30. "It is ordered and agreed vpon that there be two Hemp stocks and Bittles bought by Mr. Bushrod, the Steward of the Hospital, for setting some pore people on worke at the Hospital, and that he pay Robert Burt for his worke in fitting the places." C. 15.

1658, Dec. 10. "It is ordered and agreed that on Monday next in morning there be sett on foote the balling of Hempe by such loytering persons of the Towne as pretend want of worke. And that the place for their worke be in the Gaole Roome at the Sheerhal, and that old Henry Mory do worke with them, and oversee their worke." C. 15.

1659, April 20. "It was agreed that Mr. Hewett should contract with Margarett Moore, of Wimborne, singlewoman, to take vpon her the teaching to knitt, worsteed and silke, all the pore children of the Towne, or as many of them as shall be sett on worke. To have xij*li.* per annum wages." C. 15.

1659, Apr. 27. "Margaret Moore came hither, and did promise to be here at Whittsontide, and then to enter vpon the employment." C. 15.

1659, June 3. "There was a promise made to Wm. Demant, that in case Mr. Turbervil shall cure his eies and his wife's of a Cataract growen over them, that this Company will giue three pounds towards the cure, and Mr. Stansby is desired to signifie so much vnto Crewkherne." C. 15.

1659, Sept. 23. Twenty shillings paid to Wm. Demant, "in consideration of the charges hee was at in seeking to cure his wife's eies at Crookherne." C. 15.

1660, Oct. 26. "Phillip Stansby, Bayliff, be desired to write to a friend of his of Crewkarne, that in case Mr. Troubelfeild doe perfectly cure Wm. Deamont of his eye sight, and that this company have sattisffaction it is done; then his frind doe pay Mr. Turbelfeild forty shillings." C. 15.

1661, May 24. "Whereas great complaynt is made

in the Towne that the pore Hospital children and others do frequently go abroad a begging at dores, Adam Hayne was taxed for it, and charged to looke better, or else that himself shall bee putt in blindhouse the next time there is complaynt of any such beggars going abroad a begging." C. 15.

1661-2, Jan. 8. "This day John Debnam had leave granted to him to have the use of the loft over the breaking shop at the Hospital, adjoyning to the reading Schole, to exercise the setting on worke of pore Children about the trade of Cordemaking. And it is promised to him that no body shall putt him out of the sayd roome whiles hee doth so employ the sayd children of the Hospital that come to Schole there, and to pay them for their worke." C. 15.

1662, Sept. 1. "This Company do order the Steward of the Hospital to pay vnto Mr. Jasper Colston the somme of twenty pounds towards his bill of fifty-seaven pounds, in charges of Phisick deliuered out to sick people in seueral yeares last past, many particulars whereof this Company think fitt that Mr. Colston should demand of the parties themselves to whome the same was deliuered, and this monny to be payd to him betwixt this and Christmas." C. 15.

1663-4, March 2. "The Steward of the Hospitall is desired to disburse vnto Mr. Cole the Summe of 3*li.* for the transportacion of John Barber and his family to New England." C. 15.

1664-5, Feb. 3. "Agreed with Mr. Beniamyn Speering that as Master of the Hospitall he shall have that parte of the Hospitall howse which was late in the possession of Thomas Clench, and a chamber which was late in the possession of John Deadman, and eight pownds by the yeare for his sallery, and the howse is to be repaired by the Steward of the Hospitall, by quarterly payments at the Towne Hall, and Mr. Speering is to repaire the glasse windowes, he is to be allowed fifteene turnes for setting the poore that are in the howse or which shall be sent to him to be set on worke there, and shall have new cards of fowerteene pence price by the paire, to be allowed him by the Steward of the Hospitall quarterly, and Mr. Speering doth agree to provide spinning work for such poore persons that shall spin with those turnes as are now there, or shall be hereafter sent thither by the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses, and to pay the poore for their spinning after the vsuall rates for the worke they doe. And this agreement to continue for one whole yeare from Christmas last and from

thence forth vntill Mr. Spering shall give notice to this Company that he will leave the place at six moneths end, or the Company give Mr. Speering six moneths notice to leave the same." C. 15.

1666, Sept. 14. John Daw, clothier, appointed Master of the Hospital, on the resignation of Benj. Speering. C. 15.

1668, Nov. 13. "Phillis, wife of William Lester, is appointed to keepe the Schoole for the Hospitall of the poore children, to come there at the houre of seaven of the clocke in the morning and to continue vntill eleven and from one of the clock in the afternoone to continue vntill fiue.

The seuerall bookes vnderwritten were this day deliuered to the abouenamed Phillis for the vse of the said poore children, eight Mattens bookes, one horning booke, fower Testaments, two Psalters, one Common Prayer booke, one Bible." C. 15.

1673-4, Jan. 9. "It is agreed by the herevnder written, haveing looked into the Foundacion of the Hospitall within this Borough that the intent and meaneing and speciall direccion of the Founders are for the yearely mayneteyning of fiftie poore children in worke there, which for many yeares past have not byn soe fully ymployed as the same ought to have byn, that from henceforth no Rates or taxes shalbe ymposed or sett vppon the said Hospital or Lands belonging thereto, Royall aide excepted, and that from Easter next the weekely payments to seuerall poore persons, vsually paid by the Steward of the Hospital, shall cease, and that from and after Mich'as next the whole profitts of the Hospitall and Lands shall goe and be ymployed for the setting on worke of fiftie poore children, and other things which may be incident to the manadgment thereof, the Stocke and Utensills of and in the houses and buildings, and the debts contracted for the purchaseing thereof beeing to be then considered and sett apart, being no parte of the Charitable Vse. Andr. Loder" [and ten others]. C. 15.

1674, April 24. "It is ordered that Mr. Beniamen Gould doe pay fowerteen shillings and two pence weekely, and no more, to the poore people of this Borough for three weekes, and in the meane tyme consideracion be taken how to pay the same out of each parish in time to come. And for that purpose it is ordered that all the Company, Governor and the Common Councell, and the old and new Church-Wardens and Overseers of each parish be sommoned to meete here at the hall on Monday next, by five in the afternoone." C. 15.

1674, April 24. "Haveing treated with Mr. Maximilian

Talbot, of Taunton, for his comeing hither to Governe the trade of serge makeing, It's ordered that this busines be further considered of Monday next, and he then to have notice of the Resolucion in this matter." C. 15.

1674, May 8. "It is adiudged that Mr. Maximilian Talbott, in respect of his inabilitie to give security to be answerable for what he might be trusted withall, is not a fitt person for the imployment he was intended, and that notice may be given him of it.

It is agreed that all the Mercers within this Borough be sommoned to attend here Friday next, at tenn of the Clocke in the forenoone, to consider with vs about bringing a person hither to sett vp the trade of a Button Maker, for setting the poore on worke, as likewise about a Sargeman." C. 15.

1674, May 8. "It is ordered that Mr. Beniamen Gould shall continue the weekely payments to the poore people of the parish of All Saints out of the Hospitall only, and no more, and this vntill further order." C. 15.

1676, March 31. Mr. Benjamin Gould appointed Governor of the Hospital. C. 15.

1725, March 5. "Whereas formerly a Charity schoole and workehouse were erected in the High South Streete in this Borough, for supporting the poore people, the educacion of poore children, which Schoole and workehouse for many yeares hath bin disused, and are now very much out of repaire; And whereas the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses are now desireous to repaire the said schoole and workehouse, in order that the poore people and children of the said Borough may be sett to labour, and instructed and educated in learning, and taught to worke, the better to gaine their livelyhoods hereafter, It is ordered and agreed that Robert Weare, Gentleman, the present Mayor, and Daniell Arden, Gen', the late Mayor, be joyned with Mr. Walter Crowe, the present Hospital Steward, and that they, or any two of them, doe contract with Carpenters, Masons and all other workemen, for repaireing the said house, and rebuilding a Messuage fitting for a Schoolemaster and his wife to reside in, and also for rebuilding the outhouse belonging to Mr. Purchase his now dwelling house, and that, soe soone as conveniently may be after the repaireing, they produce a just account of the Expence thereof before the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses for the time being, for adjusting the same." C. 7.

1749, July 24. Mr. James Chaffey elected Governor of the Hospital. C. 27.

1767, April 23. "The Mayor and Magistrates of this Borough, being informed that at a Vestry held for the Parish of St. Peter in this Borough on Monday last (being Easter Monday) four very improper persons were then named to be Overseers of the said Parish . . . It appearing also that these imprudent measures were taken by a litigious Part of the Inhabitants of the said Parish, in order to create confusion by preventing the Poor being supported in their old and usual manner in the publick Hospital of the said Borough, as they have been for many years last past supported, without any consideration being had by the Inhabitants in general of the said Parish of the Propriety of removing the said Poor from the said Hospital . . . Resolved that the Mayor for the time being, with the Consent of the major Part of the Corporation, shall nominate two, three or four Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish annually, as they shall think proper," etc. C. 27.

1779, June 28. Mr. John Oldis elected Governor of the Hospital Lands within the Borough, on resignation of Mr. James Chaffey. C. 27.

1793, Feb. 19. On resignation of Mr. John Oldis, Mr. John Garland appointed Governor of the Hospital. C. 42*a*.

1803, April 18. Mr. John Garland resigns. C. 42*a*.

1803, May 12. Resolved that the Junior Bailiff for the time being be the Governor and Steward of the Hospital lands. C. 42*a*.

1827, June. A Deputation of Gentlemen, appointed by and on behalf of the several Parishes within the Borough at a Meeting of the parishioners held on the 16th day of April last, having waited upon the Governor and Steward of the Hospital, and desired that the Statement of the Accounts of the Governor should in future be annually exhibited with the Accounts of the Guardians, to undergo the examination of the Auditors appointed in pursuance of the resolution of the Inhabitants of the Town of the 6th of January, 1743, and the Governor and Steward, Morgan Yeatman, Esqre., having laid the Application before the Meeting, ordered that the Guardians of the Poor be supplied with a Copy of the Account annually settled by the Corporation in future, that a Copy of the last Account be sent to the Guardians by the Town Clerk, and that the Town Clerk do inform the Guardians accordingly. C. 42*a*

1831, July 8. Ordered that £12 10*s.* be allowed out of the proceeds of the Hospital lands to the National School Society, for the necessary repairs of the Central School Room, part of those lands, including the rough-casting and pointing the whole of the West Wall, such work being done under the superintendence of Mr. Stephen Gale. C. 42*a*.

The Town Brewhouse.

This experiment in Municipal trading was made in close connection with the Hospital, though its aim was not wholly philanthropic, as may be seen below.

1621-2, March 4. "It is alsoe agreed by them the same tyme that wheras there is a good somme of mony belonging to the Hospitall which now remaynes in seuerall hands, and wheras also it is found by experience that the Brewers of this Borough doe not make good beere wherby there is great complaynt. For remedy wherof and for the ymployment of which mony, It is agreed that there shall be with the said mony a Brewhowse built on the Hospitall grownd betweene this and Michaelmas next, or sooner yf it may bee, and being built to be ymployed and set on worke by the same mony, the profitt arising therby to goe to the benefitt of the hospital." C. 4.

1622-3, Jan. 17. Beniamyn Devenish of Dorchester, tailor, to be Clerk of the Brewhowse and Maulthowse. Wages till Ladyday 3*s.* a week, thence till Michaelmas 5*s.* a week, and thence £18 for a year, and afterwards £20 a year. C. 4.

1646, July. "Forasmuch as the Stock of the Hospital Brewhouse of this Town was almost quite lost and destroyed in the late wars by the violence of souldiers* and bad debts, so that the Remayning Stock was not one hundred markes, which small Stock by the diligence and care of this Company being like to encrease: And whereas by the sayd troubles the Hospital children were dissolved and the Charge of the house thereby abated: Vpon the foresayd Consideracions, as also for many other iust and reasonable Causes, this Company doth thinke fitt to order, that the Revenues and Proffitts of the Brewhouse shall no longer be confined to the vse and sole benefitt of the Hospital Children, but that whatsoever of the proffitts of the sayd Brewhouse can be spared (the Hospital children being duely provided for as accustomed)

* "230 qrters of Malt by estimacion spent and spoiled by Gorring's company at one time. 1000*li.* and more was lost in bad debts."

the same shall be disposed of by the Order of this Company for such other Pious and Charitable Vses as they shall thinke fitt within this Borough.

John Bushrod, Maior " [and others].

1648, Nov. 3. " This day it is agreed and ordered that the state of the Brewhowse shall stand as heretofore for this yeare and not bee lett. But because Jonas Palfry complaynes that hee hath too great a burden vpon his hands by having two offices vidz., Clarke of the house and Head Brewer, it is ordered that from Michaelmas last the servants of the house shall be altered in their employments, and their wages to be as followeth, vidz.

Jonas Palfry, Clarke of the house	.. 30*li.*	per ann
James Palfry, Head Brewer ..	.. 20*li.*	,,
George Gould, Dray Clarke ..	.. 16*li.*	,,
Richard Hackham, Under Brewer.		

Another servant to be chosen by Jonas for the drudgery." C. 12.

1649, Sept. 17. " At a full debate It was ordered and concluded that for the better advantage and benefitt of the Towne the Towne Brewhouse should be lett at a certaine Rent to some particular Persons of the Towne."

" Further agreed that the price at which the sayd Brewhouse, together with the proper Stocke of the sayd house, which wee iudge to be about 1000 markes, shall be 200*li.* per annum, to be paid quarterly without any abatement for rates, taxes or quartering of souldiers, vnles there shall be extraordinary quarterings for souldiers to continue vpon free quarter for aboue two nights at a time. Provided that they which rent the sayd house shall take into stocke the several parcels of Fast monny and Almeshouse monny which are now in the Brewhouse, being £226. 10. 8. And for the same shall pay 20*li.* per annum ouer and aboue the 200*li.* per ann., which 20*li.* is to be paid every yeare at Christtide." C. 12.

1649, Sept. 17. " The tenants that shall be are to keepe the house and implements of the sayd house in good repayre, and leave both the house and implements in as good condicion at the end of three yeares as they are now in when they enter upon the same.

The time of entrance to the sayd Tenants is Michaelmas next for three yeares. The Tenants of the sayd house vpon

the condicions aforesayd, who are to give security for the Stock and Rent, are Mr. Bayliffe Maber, Mr. Richard Savage, Mr. John Bushrod, Jonas Palfry." C. 12.

1649, Dec. 14. "It is ordered that the 400*li.* which was formerly lent to Mr. Gibbs, be receiued from him, and his writings delivered back, he paying 8*li.* for the consideracion, which monny is already in Mr. Savage his hands.

That 100*li.* of this monny be paid to Mr. Savage for so much monny which he lent formerly vnto Tho: Clench vpon the Creditt of the Brewhouse debts. And that there shall be 15*li.* paid to him out of the same monny for the consideracion and forbearance of the sayde monny for almost two yeares.

That there be lent to the Towne Steward, to pay Mr. Reve for the consideracion of certaine monnyes which he ought to have the benefitt of for 10 yeares past, the somme of 35*li.*

There rests 258*l.* of Mr. Gibs his monny to be disposed of. That 50*l.* of the sayd monny, or as much as is due, be paid to Mr. Savage himselfe for the Interest of 100*li.* which was borrowed of him in the yeare 1643, vpon Mortgage of some Towne lands, vpon condicion that Mr. Savage deliuer up the deede of mortgage vpon the Towne Lands, and that an abatement be made by Mr. Savage for the Rents which he received. For the rest of the sayd monny that it be layd aside to be employed in some purchase." C. 12.

1650, Nov. 29. "Whereas Mr. John Bushrod hath bin Steward of the Hospital and Brewhouse for the space of eight yeares past, and hath discharged the place with much faithfulness and care, It is ordered that xij*li.* 1*d.*, which the sayd Mr. Bushrod oweth for beare and other things to the sayd Brewhouse, shall be remitted to him as a recompence for his labor and paynes in the office aforesayd for so long a time, and to be charged to the accompt accordingly." C. 12.

1651-2, Feb. 13. "It is ordered that the Steward of the Brewhouse shall pay vnto Capt. Nathaniel White the somme of three pounds nine shillings and one penny, the ballance of his father's account, due from the Brewhouse, which he delivered in vnto this Company. And out of our respects to his father and the family It is ordered that he shall haue giuen him out of the Brewhouse, which Jonas [Palfry] is to pay him, the somme of five pounds and more, as a boone at his departure towards Garnesey." C. 12.

1652, Nov. 10. The renters of the Brewhouse to continue

at the old rent of £220 per ann. for the yeare from Michaelmas last, on condition that the town is not charged with any extraordinary disbursments for building, &c., which the renters have laid out; "and further that the Towne is to bee discharged of the Tun of beere sent to Jersey, and to have another Tun of beere for their disposing, as they shall see cause, at free cost." C. 12.

1655, Oct. 26. "It was agreed and ordered that to make an end with Jonas Palfry and the others which lately rented the Brewhouse: whereas there was delivered over to them the some of 629*l.* in debts, good and bad, at their entrance vpon their lease, with condition that at the end of their terme it should bee in the choyce of this Company whether to accept of the like some in an accompt of debts due then to the house, or to have payed to them £448. 11. 10 in monny, if they dislike the sayd debts. Vpon the scanning over of the accompt of debts delivered in, amounting unto 628*li.* 14*s.*, this Company hath resolved to accept of the same vpon this Condicion, and no otherwise, that is to say, that in consideracion of the badnes of the sayd debts Jonas Palfry and company shall pay in unto the Steward of the Brewhouse the som of Fiftie pounds in monny, over and above the sayd debts of £628. 14*s.* aforesayd." C. 12.

1664, Dec. 9. "Ordered that the Poore shall be cloathed and that each parrish shall have eight pounds a pece, twenty pounds sixteene shillings to be paid out off the Brewhouse, and the remainder, £3. 4 0, be offenders' mony: and this to be destributed to the overseers." C. 15.

1668-9, Feb. 5. "This day came Mr. Beniamin Speering by Order and Letter from Mr. John Cole, the tenant of the Common Publique Towne Brewhowse, and on the behalfe of Mr. Cole makes these 3 propositions to the Company.

Imprimis, that from and after Michaelmas next Mr. Cole will take the Brewhowse for one whole yeare at the rent of 200*li.* per annum.

Item, that 50 shillings be accepted by the Company for every brewing, in case the 200*li.* per ann. be not agreed vpon and accepted.

Item, to continue at the same rent as now 'tis let, if the full trade of the howse be kept up at the brewing of twise in the weeke, or as was the first yeare.

It is ordered that these propositions being tendered on the sudden this day by Mr. Speering, the Company will consider of it, &c." C. 15.

1668-9, Feb. 12. Agreed "that the Farmer of the Towne Brewhouse shall continew the farme att the price off two hundred and forty pounds per annum for three yeares, and that hee shall have fornight's tyme to consider hereof to take or refuse." C. 15.

1668-9, March 5. A lease granted to Mr. John Cole on these terms. C. 15.

1674, June 15. Let to Mr. Speering from Michaelmas next at a rent of seven score pounds. "And for the incouragement of Mr. Speering wee will suppresse all such Alehouses as are not licenced, and such as are vnfitt and vnnecessary to be kept, as allsoe the superfluous number of Maulsters within this Borough." C. 15.

1675, Sept. 17. Brewhouse let to Andrew Purchase for three years, from 29th Sept., at £135 per ann. C. 15.

1693, Oct. 2. General Quarter Sessions. "Forasmuch as Complaint is made unto this Court that the parishoners of the parish of Saint Peter's within this Borough doe rate the new Brewhouse and Backsides thereof to the Church and Poor, it being Hospitall lands and purposely founded for the benefitt of the said parish and other the parishes of the said Borough, for breeding vpp of poor children, though the Income thereof will not repaire itselfe, and the Brewhouse and other houses lye void and vntennanted; It is therefore ordered that the said Rate to the Poore be discharged, and the same not to be rated againe till further order of this Court." C. 21.

Fuel for the Poor, and Fuel-house.

How systematically the poor of Dorchester were provided with fuel during the winter months may be gathered from the following memoranda:—

1619, Nov. 8. The poor to be restrained from going abroad for fuel, they being well provided here. C. 4.

1619-20, Jan. 25. Account of faggots delivered to the poor, viz. 5591, at ij*s.* iiij*d.* the hundred, (vj*li.* x*s.* iiij*d.*). C. 4.

1632, March 29. Henry Hoskins, purveyor of the fuel for the poor, reports that he has, from the year expired, £15 in stock, which he is to imploy in buying fuel for another year. C. 9.

1640, May 13. "Jon. Torington sent for and made acquaynted that [he] was chosen Steward of the fuell house, and was ordered to make provision of turfs and turfs [*sic*], of 30 thousand turfs by the least, and to provide 4 or 5 thousand

furs fagotts agaynst winter, and in meanetime to gitt in a 1000 furs fagotts to serve the year presently." C. 12.

1641, May 19. "John Torrington brought in his account; in particuler the monie he received for the stocke and of boath parryshes is £43. 7. 8. Fuell bought was

30,000 of Turffs at xx*s*.	30 . 00 . 00	
13,400 of Furse Faggots at 30*s*. per m. is	20 . 00 . 00	
1000 of wood faggotts at ..	2 . 10 . 10	
1500 of wood faggotts at ..	5 . 13 . 9	
	58 . 6 . 7	(*sic*).
Monies disbursed vnto Nath. Bower	1 . 5 . 0	
Layd out for a ladder	0 . 1 . 6	
For wages, 6*li*.	6 . 0 . 0	
	7 . 6 . 6	
Lost vppon the Fuell	7 . 18 . 3	
	15 . 4 . 9	
Rest in Stocke		28 . 2 . 11

"Fewell Acco. 1642." C. 12.

1642, May 13. Joseph Michells acco. of Fewell for the year past since May 19, 1641. C. 12.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
He chargeth himselfe with mony received in stock from Jo : Torrington	28	02	11
And with monyes received at severall tymes from the Churchwardens of Peter's ..	10	00	0
And with monies received at seuerall tymes from the Churchwardens of Trinity ..	03	11	6
Sume totall is	41	14	5
He dischargeth himselfe with buying of 28000 of turves at	28	00	00
And of 13000 of furse faggots at 30*s*. per m' ..	19	10	0
Lost on the turves	02	02	0
Lost on faggotts	03	05	0
Allowed Nathaniell Bower	01	08	0
Paid for making vp broken faggotts	00	05	0
The accomptant's wages	06	00	0
Sume totall is	60	10	0

Hee chargeth himselfe with receiving of mony for turves	25 . 18 . 0
Remaineth in Stock for the yeare to come ..	28 . 14 . 5

1641, May 28. "This day Mr. Maior informed thes company that John Torrington resolved to leave the place of providing and selling fewell to the poore, and therefore they doe chuse to succeed in that place Joseph Michell, the maultman, but so that he himselfe but his wife in his roome with the assistance of Bower and Joseph Michell is to have the ancient pay vj*li.* yearely. And Bower is to have the broken fewell that is scroff." C. 12.

1642, Nov. 2. "The poore people of the Towne desire to haue turves out of the common store provided for them is not granted, but therevpon resolved and agreed for as much as it hath ben found in former yeares that by meanes the turves having ben sold out to the poore to soone in the yeare the store haue ben spent long before the sharpenes of winter hath ben past, that therefore the turves shall not be begon to be sold or deliuered out vnto them untill 4 daies before Chrismas." C. 12.

1649, June 1. "It is ordered and agreed that Mr. John Bushrod be desired to make provision of fewel for the poore of Turfes and wood faggotts to be layed into the fewel house as soone as conveniently may be, not exceeding xxx*li.* for all, which monny is thus to rise, vidz. 10*li.* from the proffitts of the ship Loade of New Castle Coles which lately came to the Brewhouse, and the remaynder to be taken out of the stock of the Brewhouse." C. 12.

1650, March 29. "This day Stephen Bedford brought in his Acc.' of fewell sold and his Receipts for turfes & faggots

sold is	19 . 15 . 11
There was allowed to him for his paynes this last wynter iij*l.* besides 5*s.* 6*d.* which he layed out	03 . 05 . 06
	16 . 10 . 5
Resting in monny in his hands more for faggotts	5 . 04 . 11
	21 . 15 . 4

Besides neare 1500 faggotts by his Computacion unsold. (£5 . 4 . 11, mentioned above)." C. 12.

1652, May 27. Wm. Levett appointed Overseer of the Fuel house, and ordered to go to the heath next week to buy turfe. C. 12.

1652, June 11. Stephen Bedford delivered in his account, £12 . 9 . 2 due from him, and handed over to Wm. Levett, plus £10 . 11 . 0 more, by Mr. Bushrod, towards a stock for fuel the next yeare. C. 12.

1654, June 2. Wm. Levett's fuel account for two years. Laid out for turfes and faggotts 1st year, £22 . 4 . 0, 2nd year, £10 . 12 . 8. C. 12. Loss on sale of ditto, £2 . 18 . 0. Repairs of Fuel house £1 . 0 . 8. In hand, to buy fuel for next year £17 . 17 . 4, and £8 . 2 . 8 more is delivered him by the Steward of the Hospital. He hath bought 16,000 turfes at 22*s*. the thousand, and 2000 wood faggots at 4*li*. 5*s*. the thousand. His wages for two years are £8.

1656, May 2. Wm. Levett's account of the fuel for the last year. £23 in hand, shewing a loss of £4 . 16 . 5 on sale of fuel to the poor. £5 is allowed him for his wages, and £10 out of the Brewhouse to make up the stock of fuel. C. 12. [No account is shewn for the previous year.]

Visitations of Pestilence.

1636, June 6. "It is agreed that the wagoners shall bee warned, in regard to the presente danger of sicknes in and from London, to forbeare to bring any more passengers without sufficient billes of health under the hands of the Minister and Churchwardens from London in his wagon to this Towne or any parte of the way, vntill he shall have farther liberty to the contrary graunted. And yf he shall breake this order, then he and his wagon to be kept out of the towne." C. 9.

1636, Aug. 24. "It is ordered and agreed on by Mr. Maior, &c., that in regard of the presente danger of contagion of the sicknes of the pestilence now increasing in London, and spread abroade in severall partes, there shall bee from henceforth during the continuance of the said present danger a sufficient ward to be kept in this Towne by severall personnes from sun rising to sun setting at severall parts of the Towne, viz., at the east end of the Towne two, at the Gallowes one, at the end of the South Streete one, at the west end of the

towne one, and at Glippath one, and to bee performed from howse to howse through the Towne by every man in person, or by such others for them as shall bee approved and allowed by some one of the Justices of the peace of this Borough. And that the said wardesmen shall not admitt any stranger to come into this Towne, either from London or from any other place suspected for infeccion, or any suspitious person, before he first make it knowne to Mr. Maior of this Borough or some other Justice of peace there, and have allowance or permission for such admittance." C. 9.

1636, Oct 7. "It is ordered by Mr. Maior, &c., and by them made knowne vnto Richard Shank, one of the waggon cariers belonging to this Borough, that in case hee or any other carier shall hence forth goe to London with their horses or wagon, or shall bring to the towne any London wares or goods [as] shall come from any infected place or suspected to bee infected; that such carier or his servants which shall goe or come with the said waggon and his horses and the goodes which shalbe soe brought shall bee kept forth of this Towne, and not be admitted into this Borough without the consent of the Maior, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses of the said Borough, or the greater parte of them." C. 9.

1637, July 10. "Whereas John Greene of this Borough, tailer, contrary to the comand of Mr. Maior, &c., hath ben lately at London and is thence retorned, and since his retorne . . . had accesse to his howse the backway, but is now abroad againe and kept out of this towne, and his family not suffered to come abroade, for that there is a suspition that the said Greene may bee infected with the plague: It is therefore ordered that the barne of Raph Perryn in Frome Whitefeild bee procured to harbor the said Greene and his family in, or otherwise in the Coller makers howse there, and two wardesmen to bee set to attend them, and the chargs for their diet and phisick to bee borne and paid by the whole Towne out of the mony remayning in the Churchwardens hands given at the last Fast, viz. xviij*d.* weekely."

Adam Smyth and Thomas Walden, who had also gone to London and returned, to be harboured in one of the same houses which shall not be used for harbouring Greene, and 6*d.* weekly allowed for their maintenance. C. 9.

1637, July 26. "It is agreed that whereas Greene and his family, Smyth and Walden, haue ben kept out of the towne

vpon triall coming from London by the space of xix daies and contynuing in health, the said Smyth and Walden shall this day be admitted into the Towne, and that the said Greene and his family, and Oaten and Oldish whoe are alsoe kept out for the like cause, shall bee admitted into the towne on Monday next, yf in the meane tyme they continew in health." C. 12.

1637, Aug. 2. "It is agreed that all the mony for the charge of provision for Greene and his family, and Walden and Smith, kept out of the towne for feare of danger of infection, being 49*s.* 5*d.* in the whole, shall be paid by the churchwarden of Peter's parish out of the fast mony." C. 12.

1638, Oct. 26. "It is agreed that in regard of the generall visitacion by the pox now being in the towne, that the schoolemasters and publique teachers of children within this Borough shall not admitt into their schooles any children that haue or haue had the pox, or doe or shall diet or lodge in any howse where the pox are or have ben, vntill such children and houses haue ben cleere of the pox by the space of one moneth at the least, and notice heereof to be given to Mr. Reve, Mr. Gould, and the other teachers of the Towne." C. 9.

1640, May 27. A report that the Plague was at Taunton. Watch to be kept to keep out such as come from thence. C. 12.

1640, July 23. "It is ordered that Mr. White and the other ministers be moved to make a collection for the reliefe of the distressed in Tawnton in thes tyme of visitacion by pestilence next Lordsday." C. 12.

1640, July 27. "This day was delivered in to Mr. Maior the mony collected towards relefe of Tawnton poore inhabitants now visited with the pestilence.

From Trin. parish	11 . 00 . 0
From Peter's parish	25 . 04 . 5
From Mres. Henley	10 . 00 . 0
From All Sts' parish	13 . 00 . 0
Given more by one of Peter's parish to make it vp 60*li.*	00 . 15 . 7
And by one of Trin. parish sent in by Mr. Tompson	00 . 10 . 0
	60 . 10 . 0

It is agreed that Mr. Henry Bridges be desired to carry this mony to the Maior of Tawnton for the parish of Mary

Magdalen, and in the discretion of Mr. Maior and Mr. Newton, the minister there, to supply the wants of St. James' poore yf they think fitt." C. 12.

1640, July 27. "This day the serieants are appointed to give notice unto all the Innes, alehowses and howses of entertainement in thes Towne that they receive no guests, without acquainting Mr. Maior or one of the Justics of this Towne with it, that shall come to towne, unles they know they come from Tawnton or thereabouts, and to all the clothworkers, weavers, etc., to entertaine noe servants without first acquainting Mr. Maior with it." C. 12.

1640, Sept. 11. "It is agreed that on the next Lord's day a watch and ward shall be set and contynued vntill order be given to the contrary, viz: Tenne to ward by day and x watch at night, and this watch and ward to bee performed by euery howseholder in person, except only the Capitall Burgesses, who are to be exempted of their personal service providing a sufficient man to serve in his place." C. 12.

1640, Dec. 8. "This day it is ordered the warding at the severall parts of the Towne shall cease, God having in mercy stayed his hand which lay heauie in severall parts of our cuntrie." C. 12.

1641, July 23. "Vppon Informatyon that the sicknes is much increased in the Towne of Lamporte and parishes thereabouts, it is this day ordered that the Constables shall appoynt men to warde at the Townes end, and to giue charge unto the Inns to be carefull what persons they receiue and enterteyne." C. 12.

1641, Sept. 1. "It is agreed that a ward shall be set at every entrance into the Towne to keepe out and not admit into the Towne without the approbacion of Mr. Maior, or some one of the Justics of thes Borough, all or any person or persons that dwell in or come from Langport, Ivelchester, or any other place where the sicknes of the pestilence is." C. 12.

1641, Oct. 20. "It is agreed and ordered that the wagoners coming to this Towne shall not bring downe any passengers in his wagon from London, by reason of the danger of contagion of the sycknes of the pestilence, vntill he shall have leave from Mr. Maior of the Borough againe to bring passengers, vpon payne to be kept out of the Towne himselfe." (In margin, "by Shanks the cariers.") C. 12.

1641-2, Jan. 5. "It is agreed that in regard the sicknes

of the plauge is now abated, for which cause the ward of the Towne was appoynted, that the same ward be from hence discharged." C. 12.

1641-2, Feb. 18. "Upon certen Informacion that the sickness of the plauge is much at Wincaulton, and is alsoe broken out at Bruton, that a ward be set all day from 6 in morning till viij at night, one at Glippath, one at west gate."

"And that the watch at night shall be decreased to viij watchmen and two Rowndes." C. 12.

1642, June 3. "Discharge of the watch for the infection in Wincanton. Whereas there was an order for erecting and contynuyng of a ward in thes Towne in regard of the late sicknes of the pestilence in Wincaulton, Mr. Maior and thes company are now credibly informed that there is now noe danger, for that that place standeth now in health. It is therefore ordered that that ward shall henceforth desist." C. 12.

1665, June 23. "Mr. Major and the Company, takeing into consideracion the danger of spreading of the Contagion of sicknes, by the frequent accesse of waggoners and coatches from London, have thought fitt & doe soe order that the Constables of this Borough doe vppon Munday next, by five of the Clock in the forenoone of the same day, cause a ward of two very substantiall persons to be sett in this Borough at the East End of the Towne, to remayne till eight of the Clock in the evening, and doe from henceforth dayly till farther order, and that the said wardsmen doe examine all persons, wagoners and coatches travailing, of the place from whence they came, and yf they find that they came from London doe not permit them to come into the Towne, vntill the Constables, or one of them, or the Mayor, or some of the Justices be thereof made acquainted, and they have their approbacion for their admittance; and that the Constables doe appoynt the like number of the Watch to watch there, as soone as the watch shall be charged till it be darke, and in the morneing as soon as it shall be light till the ward shall be set dayly. And it is ordered that the Constables doe each of them in their seuerall parishes repaire to the severall Innes and alehowses in their seuerall parishes euery night, and examine what guests are in their seuerall howses, and take their names, and the places of their aboade, and from whence they came, and give an accompt thereof to Mr. Mayor." C. 15.

1665, July 28. "The Maior and the Company, taking

into there consideration the multiplicity of bussines the Constables of this Borough have att present on there hands, by reason off the pestilence in London and other places within this Kingdome, it is ordered that the Sargents off this Borrough shall warne the Watch and Ward within this Borrough vntill farther order, and with this proviso, that this presendent shall not extend unto succeding constables." C. 15.

1665, Aug. 4. "Mr. Maior and this Company, taking into there seriose consideration the sad and deplorable condition off the Towne of Southampton, by reason off God[s] sore hand vppon them by the pestilence, by which they are reduced to greate straite and extremity, it is agreed on that the next Lord's day there condition shall be represented vnto the Towne by the ministers off the severall parrishs, and they to stir vpp the Inhabitants of this Borrough to an ampell and cherefull Contribution for the present suply of the said Inhabitants off Southampton, and that some persons of each parrish be desired to goe from house to house some tyme the same evening to receive their Charitable benevolence." C. 15.

1665, Aug. 4. "Whereas this Company hath agreed with Thomas Toldervile for a plott of grownd at Pombry till Our Lady day next for xx*s*., and did therevppon give order vnto William Haydon to build an howse thereon for the receiveing of persons to be place[d] there by Mr. Mayor and the Justices in this tyme of Contagion, and William Haydon that this day brought in a bill of the charge and expence in building the said howse amounting to xxiij*li*. iij*s*. vij*d*., Mr. Will'm Pitt, present Steward of the Hospitall, is desired to pay the said William Haydon xv*li*., parte of the same mony." C. 15.

1665, Nov. 1. "Mr. Mayor and the Company, haveing informacion of a visitacion of the plauge lately hapned in Shirborne, have thought fitt that there be a charge given to the watch and ward that they keepe forth all persons comeing from Shirborne out of the Towne, and doe order that all persons be summoned to ward in person, that are of ability to performe the service." C. 15.

1758, Feb. 4. "It is agreed that a Prosecution be forthwith commenced against John Swatridge of this Borough, Apothecary, and other persons, for bringing people out of the country into this Borough to be inoculated for the small pox." C. 27.

The Great Fire of 1622-3.

"Emanuel: The 30th daye Januarie 1622: The Bourroughe of Dorchester. C. 7, *folio* 1.

A Remenbrance kept of those that gave monye towards the Releiff and losse of them whom it pleased God to visite by a calamitye of Fyre the daye above said being Thursdaye.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
In primis Receved of docter whetcom' of Mayden Newton 31th of Januarie	00	10	▫
Receved which was Collected by A Free gyft att Ste Peter's the first of Februarie	57	16	01
Receved of Sr Walter Earle Knight, 3th of Februarie, 1622 ..	05	▫▫	00
Receved of Mr. Rogers of Beare Regs the 4th of Februarie, 1622	00	10	00
Rec' of Mr. —— Hardy of West Compton the 5th of Februarie, 1622	00	05	00
Rec' of the preacher of Basingstooke 10th Febr., 1622 ..	00	10	10
Rec' of Mr. Bateman which pd. by Mr. Wm. Whittwaye, sen', 12 Febr., 1622	02	00	00
Rec' of Mr. Bayliff Gould which was Sr Francis Ashelyes guyft 7th M'ch	01	00	00
Rec' of Mr. Bayliff Gould which was Mr. Nicholas Hyde's guyft 7th M'ch, 1622	01	00	00
Rec' given by Mrs. Evered by the hands of Mr. Wm. orchard ..	00	01	00
Rec' of Mr. Wm. Gould by Exon per Mr. Wm. Whittwaye ..	01	00	00
Rec' of Mr. Wm. Gould of Wimborne by the hands of Mr. —— Welsteede of blocforde	03	00	00
Rec' 16th Aug: 1623, of Nicho Stone which a gentleman of London gave at Exon	00	05	00
Rec' of Mr. Welsteed and his sister at bloxforde	00	16	00
Rec' 9th August, 1624, of Raff Perrin for a gvdy nagg which he bought of the company	02	10	00
	76	03	11

"An accompt of all such mony as I Wm. Jolyff rec' towards the losse by fire 30 Januer'. C. 7, *folio* 12*b*.

	s.	d.
Rec' in the first leaff of divers and at dyvers times ..	76	03 . 11
Rec' in Dorset	65	13 . 07 *ob.*
Rec' in Devon	47	07 . 00
Rec' in Wilts	17	00 . 08
Rec' in Sussex	05	04 . 09
Rec' in South'	13	15 . 04
Rec' in Som'st	27	00 . 00
Rec' in London	11	11 . 01
Rec' in Glostersh'	01	15 . 11
Rec' in Barksh'	14	07 . 09

		s.	d.
Rec' in Kent	04	11	06
Rec' in Hartfordsh'	09	18	06
Rec' in Oxfordsh'	20	13	02
Rec' in Buckinghamsh'	06	06	01
Rec' in Warwicksh'	00	15	08
Rec' per Nicho : Stone which he Rec' in Stanton	01	00	00
Rec' per Nicho : Stone which he Rec' of Mr. Nikols ..	02	00	00
Rec' of Jo : Counditt, 20 M'ch, 1623	10	13	06
Rec' 30 M'ch from Mr. Brown of Shrewsbery	01	09	00
Rec' of Nic' Stone which he Rec' in breifs	08	00	00
Rec' of Mr. Nikols, 22 May, 1624	05	05	00
Rec' of Mr. docter Bridgs, 3 Aug., 1624	05	19	10
Rec' of Robt. Crabb, 13 Sept., 1624	20	00	00
Rec' of Docter Webb per Mr. Wt, 2 June 1624 ..	02	08	04
Rec' of Mr. Jo: Whitt, 2 June, 1624	26	04	06
Rec' of Mr. Michael Farrington of Coventry	01	03	04
Rec' of John Counditt, 16 Aug: 1623	21	19	00
Rec' in Trinity in Coventry	01	00	11
Rec' in Ste. Maryes in Maoles	00	11	01
Rec' of Rob'te Crabb in part of his acc' per the hands of Raff Perrin, 10*li.* of Robt. Manion, 10*li.* of Heugh Manion, 6*li.*; tot' is	26	00	00
*Rec' which was boroed of Mr. Yonge of Axmister by me 14 Apr., 1623, which was Rep'd, as appereth in first leaff	100	00	00
	555	19	5 *ob.*

* Md. that the 14th of Aprill, 1623, there was brought in by Mr. Richard Bushrode to be lent vnto those that had lost by the late Fyre I saye, 100*li.* To be Rep'd midsomer next out of the monyes that shal come in by the colleccion."

An accompte of mony disbursed and pd. by to them that had losse by fier the 30th Januarie 1622. C. 7, *folio* 13.

	li.	s.	d.
Inprimis, laid out in folio 5 in boeth sides	233	01	01 *ob.*
Disbursed by order, 14th October, 1623	088	03	04
More by another order, 3 Aug : 1624	111	15	00
More by another order, i Nove : 1626	109	08	00
More by another order, 6th July, 1627	013	00	00
	555	07	05 *ob.*
1630, December first. The Remainder Ballance vpp this accompt lieth in my Chest at shoop in a leather Bagg ..		17	01 *f.*
	556	02	06 3*f.*

1630, Dece'ber the first, this account was seen and pervsed and the xvij*s. id.* payd over vnto the hands of Mr. Perkies and Mr. Jolife to be giuen vnto the pore of Trynyty Parish that Receued Losse by fire. Richard Blachford, maior, Jo : Perkins, Denis Bond and Richard Sauage, baylifs, Edmunde Dashwoode, Barnard Toup, James Gould, W : Whiteway.

1687, June 17. Received from various parishes for the fire in the Borough on June 9th, £60 . 11 . 01¼. C. 7.

1697, Dec. £5 . 0 . 1½ collected for Fire in Trinity parish. C. 7.

In 1703 occurs a note of letters sent, and by whom, to several towns and parishes, relating to a fire which happened in Dorchester, 16th May, 1703. C. 7.

Precautions against Fire.

1629-30, Feb. 24. The premises of maulters and dyers to be examined, with view to danger of fire, and such as need amending in that respect, to be unused till amended. C. 9.

1640, Apr. 9. "Mr. John Cob is conferr'd with and promiseth to remove his greatest fagot rike with all convenient speed, that noe danger by fire come thereby." C. 12.

1640, May 13. "Agreed one that the church wardens of Peeter's send for tow dussin of tankards, and one dussin to be kept for the parish to be hangid up in the church, the other dussin to be sold to such as want." C. 12.

1640, June 10. Reported that the dye house and faggot ricks there and in the George backside are exceeding dangerous for fire. Ordered the ricks to be removed, etc. C. 12.

1640, Aug. 14. "Mr. Cob promiseth to take downe a good parte of his great faggot reeke with all convenient speed." C. 12.

1641, July 23. "This day it is ordered that 6 more shalbe appoynted to vew the Towne and the poor peoples howses, to see how theyr fewell is layd out of danger and present the defects.

William Drie, Edward Chipman,	for Alhallowes.	Mr. Edward Bray, Rafh Whitelock,	for Peeter's.
Robert Mannell, Rit° Lay,	for Trynitie.		

C. 12.

1649, June 15. "It is ordered that the Sarjants do warne all the inhabitants of the Town to meete the Justices and Company at Hall on Monday Morning at eight of the Clocke, to confer about something benificial to the Towne in general, and that the bell be tolled at the same time.

And that then it be proposed to them what every one will contribute towards the raising of xxx*li*. or xl*li*. for buying of a brazen Engine or spoute to quench fire in times of danger." C. 12.

1649, Dec. 14. "It is ordered and desired that the Towne Steward doe pay unto Mr. Will: White the some of 35*l.* more or lesse, which he lately layed out for a brazen Engine which he bought at London and caused to be brought downe, very necessary for quenching of fire:—And that the Towne-Steward do borrow the sayd monny for the present of Mr. Savage, steward of Fordington Parsonage, out of the Rents of the same, And that the Towne-Steward do in the most convenient place in the Shirehall make a place with fir boards for the receiving and placing of him, for the best ease and conveniency of vse." C. 12.

1649-50, Jan. 18. "It is ordered and agreed that three and thirtie pounds of the sixtie pounds, which Mr. Orange of Redlinge is to pay vnto this Corporacion vpon bond on the 25th of July next vpon a reference made lately at Shaston, shall be payed to reimburse the Steward of Fordington Parsonage for so much monny as hee hath paid or shall pay vnto the Towne Steward for the Brazen Engine or Water Spoute lately procured from London and paid for by Mr. Will'm White. And that the residue of the foresayd sixtie pounds shall be delivered vnto Mr. Ben to be disposed of by him and Mr. Gower, as they shall iudge fitt in their descretions, for the relieffe and supply of such poore Schollars which are now mayntayned in the Vniuersities of Camebridge or Oxford, at a publicke charge of Ministers or others of this County, when the charges and expences with Mr. Loder, Mr. Bury and Mr. Bushrod, or any of them, are defrayed out of the same." C. 12.

1653-4, March 21. Two persons chosen from each parish for a year "to view yf there bee any badd or dangerous chymnyes or mantells in their seuerall parishes, to see that no people lay their fuell in no dangerous places for fier, and to see that all persons keepe their wells, bucketts, ropes, tancketts, malkins and ladders fitt to make vse of vppon occasion, and to present them that be in default vpon every occasion: to prevent fire." C. 12.

1656, April 6. "To carry engine to Monckton out and home, 5*s.* 0*d.*" C. 7.

1678, Aug. 26. Court of General Sessions. "This Court takeing into Consideracion the danger of Fire which may happen to this Towne, by Reason of some Inn-keepers, Alehouse Keepers, Maulsters and Chaundlers, who inhabite within this Borough, and doe Brew, make Mault and Caundles in houses and places that are alltogeither unfitt for those

purposes, and some of them in the very middest of the Towne, to the greate Terror and Feare of divers Inhabitants, doth thinke fitt and order that two or three of the most substantiall house-holders of each parish, to be nominated and appointed by the Mayor for the tyme beinge, doe forthwith take a strict Survey of all the houses and places which all Innkeepers, Alehouse-Keepers, Maulsters and Chaundlers doe make vse of for the purposes aforesaid, and such as shall be found dangerous or insufficient and not convenient places they are desired to certifie in writeing vnder theire hands to the Justices of the peace within this Borough, to the end that such care may be taken that for the future, the owners may not be licenced, and such who are Maulsters may be suppressed, and Chaundlers dealt withall according to Lawe. And whereas the Grand Inquest hath desired that such persons who have leazued Corne and brought home the same may be looked after, and the same putt in convenient places to prevent the like danger by fire as aforesaid, It is allsoe ordered that the persons aforesaid to be named are desired to viewe all places where any such corne or strawe as aforesaid is layde, and to certifie who shall be thought guilty af any anusance or danger in that kind, as allsoe the houses of all other persons who have or shall take in or buy any Quantityes of Fewell or Combustable goods to sell againe, which may prove dangerous as aforesaid." C. 21.

1676, May 26. "Considering the drynesse of the weather and the danger of fire that hath happened in neighboring places, and that due care bee taken to prevent fire by a carefull watch in the night tyme, It's ordered that there shalbe from henceforth till further order sixe sufficient persons warned and ymployed every night besides the Bellman, and allsoe two sufficient householders of and within the Borough to be constantly appointed by Mr. Mayor to watch and walke about the Towne every night, such householders payeing to the poore three pence a weeke and vpwards, and none vnder are to be warned." C. 15.

1676, June 2. "It was this day agreed on by wee, whose names are hereunder subscribed, that they will gieve towards the buying of a new Engine ten shillings a peice, and that the remainder of these Society doe gieve the like summe, or more iff they shall be soe inclined, and that all persons, Inhabitants of this Borough, whoe are of abillity, be desired to contribute accordingly towards the buying off an Engiene, Tanckards, Ladders and other things fitt and necessary for

the quenching off Fier. William Twiss, Mayor, James Gould, Arthur Gould, Joseph Seward, Hugh Baker, Robert Napper, Will. Pitt, Benjamin Gould, Edward Jones, Alex. Hauilland, Gilbert Whiffen, John Cradock. C. 15.

1697, Dec. 23. Henry Alder, Joyner, agrees to keep in good repair, as to timber work, the two engines for fire belonging to the Borough, for ten years, for one shilling a year. C. 7.

1732, March. 31. Two messuages, held by John Watts and John Derby, clerk, are mentioned as having been burnt "by the late fire of Dorchester." C. 7.

1732, Dec. 22. Daniel Arden, gent., to demand the moneys due to the Corporation on account of the late fire. C. 7.

1775, Oct. 2. "That the grateful thanks of this Corporation be given to the Right Honourable Mary, Countess of Shaftesbury, for her late valuable present of a Fire Engine and Buckets to this town." C. 27.

1777, Aug. 27. A lease of "the Little Room called the old Engine House," in St. Peter's parish, granted to Lord Milton. [*See* Guildhall, 10 Jan., 1803. C. 42*a*.] C. 27.

Various Charitable Contributions.

Letter to the Maior of Exon.

1632-3, Feb. 20. "Worthy Sr, I have received yor l're and have with or company viewed the two copyes of the two l'res which you sent. Wee confesse yor charitable and ready endeavors in a matter of soe greate importance to bee very requisite. As concerninge or Merchants of this Towne, none of them have any trading with Newfound land, Virgenea or Spayne (save only Mr. John Blachford who is now in London) and therefore cannot bee soe forward therein as those whome it neerely concernes. But for the redeeming of the Captives, when the breiffs come forth wee shall bee as ready to doe what shall bee convenient for vs as any other place. Thus with remembrance of my hearty salutacions I rest,

Yor loving freind,
Ed. Dashwood, Maior.

Dorchester, xx° Febr., 1632." C. 9.

1640, July 10. "It is agreed that the mony collected at the last Fast on Wensday last, viz. from Peter's parish 10*li*. 1*s*. 10*d*., and from Trin. parish, 4*li*. 8*s*. 1*d*., and from

All Sts', 59*s.* in all 17*li.* 8*s.* 11*d.*, shall be imployed for the best benefit of Mris Bray, widow, and her children, in such sort as the Company shall direct." C. 12.

1640, Aug. 5. "Yeavell. Ther was Collected one Sabboth day last per the Agreement of the maior parte of the Company and consent of the ministers within this Boroughe in the 3 parishes for the inhabitants of Evill that lost by fier one Tuseday, the 28 of July last, as followeth.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
R'ed in the holy Trinity	13	11	00
In Peeter's parish	19	00	06
In All Sts'.	11	13	00
The whole sume is ..	44	4	6

which sum of 44*li.* 4*s.* 6*d.* was sent yesterday per Mr. Will'm Ben and Mr. Henry Bridges with a letter subscribed by the Maior directed vnto Mr. Robt. Harbin, Do : Shore, Mr. Thomas Marsh, and Mr. Collins and Mr. Josephe Staw." C. 12.

1640, Sept. 12. "This day the Towne Seale was fixed to a Certificat from Mr. Maior of a voluntary oath taken by Francis Burges of this Towne to send into Ireland." C. 12.

1640, Dec. 8. Collected at the Fast in St. Peter's Church (the parish of Trinity congregatinge there also) £9 . 16 . 6. C. 12.

1641-2, Jan. 5. "It is agreed that 50*s.* out of the profitts of the Fast money shall be deliuerd to Mr. Maior for reliefe of the poor Frenchmen robbed at sea and traveyling this way, soe that they may not be suffered to beg the Towne." C. 12.

1641-2, Feb. 11. "It is agreed that Mr. Maior be pleased to give out of the said late collection at the Fast vnto Peter de Sala Nova his wives mother and sister and her husband, which came lately out of the Kingdom of Ireland for feare of the Rebelles iij*li.*" C. 12.

1641-2, Feb. 25. "Fast mony for Ireland, At the fast day by act of Parliament enioyned on the Wensday of February, 1641, there was collected

	£	s.	d.
From Trinity parish	4	15	4
From Peter's parish	8	16	3
From All Sts'.	3	06	0
C. 12.	16	17	7

1642, Apr. 20. "It is this day agreed that Mr. Whitway shalbe intreated to receive the Lady Kerry that is expected to come vnto this towne this next Satturday, and thes Companie haue agreed to pay all the Charge for dyet and other necessarys out of the monie collected for the Releefe of the distressed in Ireland (and those that come thence) for 14 dayes or such time."

"Also it is this day agreed that care shalbe taken for Mr. White of Ireland his phamyly to aford them a convenyent supplie for theyr necessyty out of the same monie. For present to deliuer vnto them three pownds." C. 12.

1642, May 19. "Mr. Maior gave me directions to set downe an order that was this day made to issue out 3*li.* to Sala Nova for the charge of his Irish frends and for 3*li.* for Peter Whit's family." C. 12.

1642, June 3. "It is agreed that the contribucion or benevolence mony given from this towne, wanting about 30*li.* or 32*li.* of two hundred pounds, shall be made vp 200*li.* by soe much as wants to make it vp out of the Fast mony collected in all 3 parishes for reliefe of the distressed Irish." C. 12.

1648, June 8. "This day being a day of Thanksgeiuing apoynted by the Parliament for the great mercy it pleased God to geue vnto the Kingdome in defeatinge the Army in Wales raysed agaynst the Parliament and Kingdom, there was collected in the Church of St. Peter's after the sermon £5 . 10 . 00." C. 7.

1648, July 14. To William Hayne and his wife come out of Turkey being in greate distress, 2*s.* 6*d.* C. 7.

1648, Aug. 11. On Thanksgiving day, for success against the Scottish Army, £5 . 11 . 0. C. 7.

1648, Dec. 1. To a distressed minister from Ireland, out of the former Fast money, vs. C. 7.

1648, Dec. 11. Collection at Peter's Church, on 7 Sept. last, on a Publick day of Thanksgiving, by order of Parliament, £5 . 7 . 0, to be pd to the high Sheriffe for relief of the distressed people in Lancashire and other parts of the North. C. 12.

1649, July 2. "It is ordered that whereas there was fower pounds collected in the two parishes of Peter's and Allhallowes for the relieffe of an Irishman, and the Widow of a certaine man of Wymborne, lately killed by theeves and

robbers, who were the children of godly parents, and under that consideracion their condicion tendered to the people

The Irishman Daut (?) shall have ..	00 . 15 . 0
The Wymborne widow for herselfe and 4 children	02 . 00 . 0
For one Lovelace, at Sydlyn, lately come out of Ireland	00 . 15 . 0
	3 . 10 . 0

The rest to remayne for other vses." C. 12.

1649, Oct. 12. "Uppon the request of Ellis Frye of Burton, whose sonne, Henry Frye, and John Bun are taken Captives in Sallay, for to contribute towards their redemption this Company will consider of something towards their Redempcion vpon their comeing home." C. 12.

1649, Nov. 1. On Thanksgiving day for the Victory in Ireland iij*li.* x*s.* C. 7.

1649, Nov. 16. "Gaue to Elnor Carew, a gentelwoman that came late out of Ireland by [reason] that her husband was an Esquire, and hath lost 300*li.* a yeare; and because her husband would not alter his religion the Papists did barbarously sley him, 2*s.*" C. 7.

1649-50, March 1. "It is desired that the ministers of this Towne will publish in the churches on Sabboth day se'night the request for a Collection towards the Redemption of one, John Bun, of Burton in this County, who is now a Captiue in Sally, borne at Fordington. And what there shall bee collected above thirtie shillings It is to bee disposed of by Mr. Maior for the poore of the Towne." C. 12.

1650, May 31. "£3 . 9 . 3, collected at a Thanksgiving Day for the distressed in Lancashire by order of Parliament, 1648, and still in hand, as it was not known how to convey it thither, to be paid to certain Innkeepers for quartering of Troopers, at the Mayor's and this Company's request in 1647." C. 12.

1651, April 4. "It is agreed that Mr. Gower do give notice at the request of Mr. Mayor and the Company in the church next Sabboth day, that they do thinke fitt that the people be desired to contribute towards the conveyance of 3 familyes which are poore and unable to subsist here into Ireland for the planting of that Country." C. 12.

1651, April 28. "This day it was agreed and ordered that Mr. Bayliff Bushrod, Steward of the Hospital, deliver

unto Ben: Hoskins 4*s*. for his horses to Bristol and convaying downe thither of 3 familyes of pore people which are going to Ireland under Capt. Ridout. And also to discharge the monie payd by the ouerseers for cloathes bought by them, and Mr. Savage for the cloath." C. 12.

1651, Oct. 24. On Thanksgiving day, for victory at Wist' [Worcester] 2*li* . 16 . 0. C. 7.

1652, July 9. A collection to be made in the three churches, for relief of the distressed of the Town of Milborne St. Andrewes which was burnt this week. [£15 . 19 . 1.] C. 12.

1652-3. "This day vpon a debate how to relieve Mr. William Jolliffe, and to sett him free from the danger of his creditors in case his other debts can bee satisfied by himselfe and Mr. Humfry Jolliffe, which Lawrence Righton hath assured this company will bee effected. That then this Company is contented that Law: Righton shall make his proposition following to Mr. Orlibeere of London (vnto whome there is 125*li*. due from Mr. Jolliffe) to pay him 40*li*. or vnder 50*li*. in hand, vpon condicion that hee will fully discharge Mr. Jolliffe of all claymes and demands whatsoever, which sayd 40*li*. this Company are content and do expect shall be secured to the Towne out of Mr. Jolliffe's house over against the plumpe by x*li*. a yeare." C. 12.

1652-3, March 11. "This day there was an agreement made betwixt Mr. George Cole, now Mayor, and Henry Hobbs of this toune with the consent of his father, Thomas Hobbs, that the said Henry Hobbs shall serve Mr. Mayor aforesayd as an apprentice the space of six yeares in New England in America vpon the condicions and tearmes expressed vpon the Indentures, bearing date the 7th day of March, 1652." C. 12.

1653, Aug. 31. £65 . 15 . 0, collected for Marleborough, "to be payed to Mr. Josiah White to be conveyed to Marleborough by him by exchange." C. 12.

1653, Nov. 30. The said money to be delivered to Mr. Josiah White, "ye Treasurer according to the order in the Breefe." C. 12.

1654, May 3. Five pounds to be sent immediately "vnto Pudle-trenthead for supply of the necessityes of the poore people whose houses were burnt yesterday." C. 12.

1654, June 2. "Mr. Gower and Mr. Ben shall bee desired to make a Collection the next Sabboth day in their congre-

gations for the Towne of Shapwick lately fired, and to be earnest with the people to enlarge their hands towards their relieffe." C. 12.

1656, April 6. "This daye there was collected at Peter's, from the whole towne, for St. Edmond's church at Sarum towards the repaireinge of it that fell downe not longe after the people ware gonn forth; in which the wonderfull providence of God was much observed £10 . 0 . 0." C. 7.

1658, May 10. "The collection at the seuerall parishes within this Burrough for the Protestant churches driven out of Poland and twentie Protestant famylies driven out of the confines of Bohemia and sent accordinge to the appointment of his Heighnes the Lord protector vnto Mr. Stroude the Heigh Shreife of the Countie, £78 . 19 . 5." C. 7.

1658, May 19. "At a publique Fast or Day of Humiliation observed for seeking of God to divert the calimity of extrao. sicknesse in most parte of the Nation, £4 . 14 . 0." C. 7.

1658, Aug. 6. "This Company into Consideration the sad and lamentable condition of the inhabbitance of Milton, who suffred losse by feyer the 4th this instant month, yet is thought fitt and needfull that there be Collection the next Lord's daye in the three seuerall parishes within this Burrough in the afternoone at the church doares: to which purpose Mr. Gower, Mr. Benn and Mr. Russell be desired to acquaint the inhabbitance of the towne in the morneinge with this there condition: and also that they would be pleased together with the church wardens receive there charitie." C. 15.

1658-9, Feb. 25. "It is ordered and agreed that there be a suite of Clothes provided for —— Samwayes, son of Jo: Samwayes, who is bound for Newfoundland and vpon no other Condicion then that the sayd boy do go to Newland (*sic*) as aforesd., and that Mr. Savage do take order therein." C. 15.

1660-1, Feb. 1. The £36 . 9 . 5, collected for the relief of the distressed by fire at Ilminster, is to be delivered to Mr. William Collins who was sent for it by the townsmen. C. 15.

1661-2, Feb. 14. "There was agreement made with Thomas Lovelace, sayler, dwelling in Newfoundland, for thirty shillings and two suites of clothes to take Joseph Hill an Hospital boy Apprentice for seaven yeares, and to transport him to Newfoundland forthwith, and to giue Mr. Richard

Wallis of Melcomb to pass his word for the true performance of this Condicion." C. 15.

1664, Nov. 9. The Company consents to a collection being "made in the churches of this Borough for James Stevens, of Punkenolle, for his loss by fyer, according to an order of the sessions at large for a collection in Dorchester Division." C. 15.

"R' the 15th of August, 1665, of Mr. Joseph Seaward and Mr. Andrew Loader the some of fiftie pounds currant mony to be sent to Mr. Mayor of South'ton towards the releeffe of the sicke and poore of that towne being sent from the Right Worpp'll the Mayor and inhabitants of Dorchester as there free and charetable gift for which I shall procure a receipt with full acknowledgement vnder the towne seale I say R'

per Mr. Wm. Stanley." B. 32.

1666, May 11. "Bought for the poore Boyes att the schoole att the Hospitall these bookes following, and deliuered vnto the Schoole Mrs., Goodwife Gifford." C. 7.

	£	s.	d.
8 Testaments att 1*s.* 6*d.* p.p.	00	12	00
11 Single Salters	00	11	00
13 Premers	00	03	03
12 Horne Bookes	00	01	00
	£01	07	3

"August the 25th, 1666. Rec'ed then from the hands of Mr. Thomas Halle of Dorchester, which was collected per the order of the Right Worpp'll the Maior of Dorchester in that Toune towards the reliefe of the poore and visetted famylis within the Citty of New Sarum, the some of twenty pounds, for which humble and harty thanks is returned.

I say rec'ed, 20*li.*

Wittness my hand and seale of office the daye and yeere first aboue written.

Tho: Williams, Maior." B. 34.

A receipt from the City of Winchester for £21 . 10 . 2 given by Dorchester during a visitation of the plague, and dated 15th Oct., 1666, occurs in B. 35.

"Gentlemen, Yor transcendent Charity to the poore people of this Citie of Winchester, in the tyme of the late heavy visitation of the plague, and in theyr greate extreamity of necessity, rec'd by the diligent hands of the bearer, Mr.

Philip Jones, hath obliedged us by him herewith to returne, on theyr behalfe, our thankefull acknowledgements of the receipt thereof, vnder the Common Seale of this Citie, with or harty prayers to the Throne of Grace for yor Prosperity and well beinge, and all vnder yor Goverment, subscribing ourselves in great trueth, Winton', 6to Marcij, 1666, Gentlemen, Yor very humble servants, Rich: Dennett, Mayor, Edm' Fifeild, John Colson, James Guy, Jo: Mundy, Beniamin Clarke, Tho: Muspratt, Nicholas Purdue."

"To the r^t worthy and right wor^tl the Mayor, Aldermen, and the rest of the Corporation of the Towne of Dorchester these present." B. 36.

1666, Oct. 10. "This day att a generall Fast there was collected from the inhabitants of this Borrough towards the releiff of the poore people burnt att London the somme of

Collected in Trenity parrish	20 . 00 . 06
In St. Peter parrish	23 . 01 . 03
In All Sts' parrish	12 . 07 . 09
C. 7.	£55 . 09 . 06

1666, Nov. 23. "There was collected att three fast dayes att St. Peter's church being the monthly fast the some of three pounds ninteene shillings and six pence; and is to be disposed of according as the L. Bishopp of this dioces shall order: Mr. Hardy, Churchwarden, payd the mony." C. 7.

1672, Nov. 5. "There was collected att St. Peter's for buying of Bookes for pore childeren C. 7. .. 22s. . 0

In ye Red purse in the drawer under the table is three pounds ["more" written above] ten shillings of the same mony collected in former yeares, and a brase ½ crowne and a brase shilling, all which mony was deliuered vnto Mr. Benjamen Gould the present Mayor. C. 7. .. .. £4 . 12 . 0

1673-4, Jan. 9. "It is agreed by vs herevnder that an accompt be brought in of such disbursements as have byn touching the releiveing of poore Seamen and travellers within this Borough in euery Major's tyme since Mr. Seward was sworne Major, and that the same be divided among each parish of the Borough." C. 15.

1674, Dec. 20. Collected towards the Redempcion of Xpher Gould, sonne of John Gould, out of Turky. In St. Peter's parish. C. 7. vli. xviijs. iijd.

1675, Oct. 15. "The severall Ministers of this Towne are desired by Mr. Major and the Company to recommend the letter from the Major and Magistrates of Poole on the behalfe of severall poore Captives in Turky (for a collection to be made towards their redempcion) to their severall congregacions." C. 15.

1679, Oct. 20. For one —— Hoskins, of Dartemouth, now a poore captive in Allgere. C. 7. 09 . 05 . 11

1680, March 28. Collected towards the redemption of six captives (from Weymouth and Bridport) now in slavery in Algiers. C. 7. .. £9 . 17 . 4

Collections by Briefs and Otherwise.

			£	s.	d.
1646, Nov.	15.	Pestilence at Honiton	20	0	0
1646-7, Mch.	21.	Sickness at Totnes	17	18	10
1647, Aug.	1.	Fire at Andover, loss £40,000	28	15	5
1647, Sept.	15.	Sick at Culliton	21	0	0
1647, Nov.	8.	Sickness at West Chester	10	0	0
1652, Sept.	3.	Fire at Milborne St. Andrew	16	9	1
1652, Oct.	20.	For Yetminster	9	7	0
1653, Aug.	5.	For Marleborough	65	15	2½
1653, Aug.	21.	For Drayton	10	12	8
1654, May	14.	Fire at Pudle-Trenthead	18	19	2
1654, Nov.	—.	For Shapwick & Sturminster Marshall ..	21	17	3
1655, Mch.	25.	Fire at Brode Mayne	18	10	4
1655, Apr.	13.	Fire at Glasgow	20	19	0
1655, June	17.	Distressed Protestants in Lucerne & Angroigne. (Paid to the Lord Mayor of London.)	147	1	10
1655, Nov.	30.	Fire at Winfrite	5	5	10
1655-6, Mch.	9.	Fire at Dorchester on 7 Mch.	19	14	6
1656, Apr.	6.	For St. Edmund's Church, Sarum ..	10	0	0
1656, Aug.	24.	Fire at Monkton	18	0	0
1656-7, Jan.	11.	Building a Ch. at W. Cowes	13	2	9½
1657, Apr.	27.	Godwin Woodhowse's loss by fire at King Weston, Somt.	3	2	0
1657, Apr.	27.	Fire at Hinton Mary	1	11	0
1657, Aug.	2.	Three dwellings burnt at Martinstown ..	5	10	4
1658, Apr.	16.	Mr. Robt. Vallence, Affpiddle	2	10	0
1658, Apr.	16.	Mr. Thos. Bennitt, Wimbcrne	2	3	7

			£	s.	d.
1658, Apr.	16.	Mr. Michael Hoskins & his son Nic. Hoskins, Sutton Poyntz	1	10	0
1658, Apr.	16.	For Thos. Hobbs, Dorchester	1	15	0
1658, Apr.	16.	For widow Seugar, Fordington ..	1	5	0
1658, May	10.	Protestant Churches driven out of Poland, 20 Protestant Families driven out of the confines of Bohemia ..	78	19	5
1658, Aug.	8.	Fire at Abbie Milton, 25 houses consumed. 37 families distressed, on Wednesday before	32	1	11
1659, Sept.	2.	Fire at Ilminster, on 23 Aug. last, 54 dwelling houses consumed, in which were 66 families	36	9	5
1662, July	1.	Dukedom of Lithuania	14	8	6
1663, Nov.	6.	Fire at Fordington	3	0	3
1665, Aug.	6.	Pestilence at Southampton	49	4	6
1665, Nov.	5.	Fire at Melcombe	15	10	5
1665, Nov.	19.	Plague & pestilence, Sherborne ..	32	13	7
1666, Aug.	—.	Distressed of Sarum	20	0	0
1666, Aug.	—.	Distressed of Winchester	21	10	0
1666, Oct.	10.	Poor people burnt at London	55	9	6
1666-7, Mch.	3.	Fire at Fordington, Friday last ..	10	4	6½
1668-9, Jan.	1.	Newport in Salop	11	9	5
1668-9, Feb.	28.	Fire at Puddletown	2	10	2½
1672, July	8.	Fire at Fordingbridge	25	15	5
1675-6, Jan.	16.	Fire at Poole	7	3	2¾
1676, Aug	16.	Fire at Blandford	21	13	3
1704, Dec.	4.	Fire at Stowborough	10	17	3

JOHN CHURCHILL'S GIFT.

THIS INDENTURE TRIPERTITE made the eight and twentithe daie of September in the one and Forteth yere of the Raign of our Soveraign Ladie Elizabeth [1599] by the grace of God of England Fraunce and Ireland Quene defender of the faith, &c. Betwene me, John Churchell of Corton in the Countie of Dorset, gent., of the first part, Sir George Trenchard knight and John Wyllyams Esquier, Brewyn Willyams and Maximilyan Moone gent. of the second part, William Churchill, brother of the said John Churchill, Mathewe Chubbe, Edmond Dashwood, inhabitants of the Borough of Dorchester in the said countie of Dorset of the thirde part. WHEREAS I, the said John Churchill, have delivered into the handes of the said William Churchill, Mathewe Chubb and Edmunde Dashwood the some of one hundred poundes of lawfull money of England, to be imployed and governed for and towardes the Relief mayntenaunce and setting on worke of the poore Artificers of the said Borough of Dorchester to have contynewannce

for ever, NOWE this Indenture witnesseth That I, the said John Churchell, doe by these presents ordeyne lymitt and apoint that the said Will'm Churchell, Mathew Chubbe and Edmunde Dashwood and their successors from hencefourth for ever, shalbe Threasourers of the said some of one hundred poundes to them delivered as aforesaid for the poore Artificers of Dorchester aforesaid, And that the said Sir George Trenchard Knight and John Wyllyams Esquier and their successors, together with the said Brewyn Williams and Maximilyan Moone, and the heires of my two daughters Elizabeth and Anne, wives of the same Brewyn and Maximilian, shalbe Auditors and Visitors of the said Threasourers and poore Artificers. AND I doe farther ordayne that the said Threasourers for the time beinge, with the Advice and assent of the said Auditors or some or one of them, shall deliver fourth yerelie vnto the poore Artificers of the same Borough of Dorchester such as shall and will put in good suerties for the Repayment therof, to eache of them a severall porcion of the said treasure, for the settinge on worke and maintenannce of them and their familie, to be repaid againe yerely vpon the Feast of Sainte Mychaell tharchangell, and then to be delivered fourth againe, for one yere, vpon like bonde and Suerties, And so yerely and successiuely for ever. And if any poore Artificers of the said Borough shall wante Stocke to sett them selves on worke and be not able to put in such Suerties as aforesaid, That in such case such other Artificers of better abilitie as shall receave any part of the said Treasure in Loane as aforesaid shall yelde some moderate consideracion (not exceedinge Five for the Hundred) for the same, to be distributed vnto the other poorer Artificers aforesaid for their Relief, as to the good discrecion of the said Threasourers with such assent as aforesaid shall seeme most meete and convenient. AND if any part of the said Treasure by the decaye or insufficiency of any of the Artificers Suerties or Bondes aboue mencioned shall happen to bee consumed or wasted Then the same to be made vp againe and supplied of such moderate consideracion to be taken as aforesaid, wherby the Stocke of the said Treasure may be continewed for ever. AND I do ordeyne that the said Threasourers and their Successors yerelie vpon the Feast daie of Sainct Mychaell Tharchangell or within tenne dayes next after the same Feast shall meete and assemble themselves together before the said Auditors or their Successors or before some or one of them,

and shall deliver vp in writinge in a Register booke to be kept for that purpose a true accompt of the state of the said Treasure, and howe the same is imployed and in whose handes it remayneth, and vpon what securitie, to the ende the same accompts may be subscribed with the handes of the said Auditors or some of them, and their Advice and consent to be geven from tyme to tyme for further imployment direction and safetie of the same stocke. AND if it shall happen any of the said Auditors Visitors or Threasourers being but officers for lief as aforesaid to die or to refuse the execucion thereof, That then and so often the Survivors of them or the most parte of them respectively, shall chuse one other meete and sufficient person to succeede in the roome and office of the person so deceassed, and so successively for ever, wherby the number of the officers aforesaid may remayne full and complete for ever, and the trust and interest of the said Threasourers may not at any time be cast vpon executors or administrators. AND I do apoint that one parte of this Tripertite Indenture shall remayne in Custodye of the Bailiffs and Burgesses of Dorchester aforesaid to be safely kept in the Towne Chest there, one other part therof to remayne in the Custodie of the said Sr George Trenchard Knight and his Successors, and the thirde part therof to remayne in the Custodie of me and myne heires for ever. AND YET NEVERTHELESSE for the better preservacion of this myne ordynannce in tyme to come I do ordeyne and apointe that this present deede Indented shalbe acknoledged and inrolled before some of the Justices and Clearke of the Peace of this countie of Dorset to remayne of Recorde in Custodie of the Custos Rotulorum amongest other Records of the same Countie for ever. AND I do request the said Auditors and Visitors that if any negligence or abuse shall happen to be in any of the said Threasourers, wherby the trust in them reposed shall not be performed, that then in such case they will vse their indevors, by the ayde of the Sessions of the peace or the ordinary of the same place, to cause the same to be reformed and redressed, as to ther wisedomes and good discrecions shall seeme meete. And I do earnestly desier my said trustie freinds to voutsafe their charitable aydes to the performannce of this my charitable intent. IN WITNES WHEROF to every parte of the same Indentures all the said parties have putt their handes and Seales. YEAVEN the daye and yere first above written and in the yere or our Lord God one thousand five hundred nynetie and nyne, 1599." B. 14.

Seven signatures, with seals of red wax. John Wyllyams: Seal, a shield quarterly, 1 and 4, a greyhound courant, between three Cornish choughs; 2 and 3, three bucks' heads couped. John Churchill: Seal, a monogram. Bruen Williams: Seal lost. Max. Moone: Seal a maunch within a bordure charged with crosses, a crescent for difference, helmet, mantling and crest. Will'am Churchell: Seal, T · I · within a diamond. Per me, Mattheu' Chubbe: Seal, a merchant's mark between the letters "M C." Edmunde Dashwoode: Seal, a merchant's mark with "D" at its lower termination.

Endorsed on B. 14*a*, "John Churchill, of Corton, by Indenture Tripartite, dat' 28° September, 41° Eliz., did constitute diuers in trust for the imployment of 100*li*. for the poore of Dorchester, 1599."

1648, Sept. 18. "Vpon enquiry about the 100*li*. given by Mr. Churchel to be lent vnto several pore Artificers gratis, etc., we find that there is none of the Feoffees, Visitors nor Tresurers living. That Mr. Edmund Dashwood was the last Tr'er., and by Nathaniel Bower wee are enformed that there is in the hands of

John Churchel, the Taylor	05*li*.	Suretyes, Geo. Lawrence.
George Panchard ..	05	Sureties, Jasper Colston.
Robt. Gillett ..	03	Suretyes, Tho. Clench.
Nathaniel Bower ..	01	
John Meeder ..	05	Suretyes, Tho. Clench.
Beniamen Darby ..	10	Suretyes, Hen. Hoskins."

C. 12.

1650, April 12. Mr. Richard Bury, Mr. John Whiteway and Mr. John Bushrod, Capital Burgesses, appointed treasurers of the £100 given by Mr. John Churchill to be let out to artificers and tradesmen at reasonable rates, in the room of Mr. Wm. Churchill, Mr. Mathew Chubb, and Mr. Edward Dashwood, former treasurers. C. 12.

Dr. James's Good Friday Money.

The distribution of this charity, consisting of £25 per annum, "to be lent out every Good Friday to five tradesmen (gratis) which had families, for a year or two at the most," is frequently mentioned in the account books of the Town, *e.g.*, 12th April, 1650 (C. 12), and 28th March, 1673 (C. 15).

The donor, Francis James, D.C.L., was Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol, 31st July, 1590 to 1603, and M.P. for Dorchester, 1593 to 1597. He is called "Dr. James Chancellor" in Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 404.

"Mr. Samways, There is in your hands some of the good Fryday's money which you carryed away your selfe out of the Hall; you know how that money is to be imployed, therefore pray let it not be said that in the time of your publique office you proued false to your trust in converting that to your owne vse which was designed for the vse of the poore; pray consider of it and take some care to pay it. There is some other money due allsoe from you: pray give some answer to this and sett your hande to the inclosed resignation that some other person may be chosen in your roome, if you doe not take care to pay in the good Fryday's money, it will remaine vpon record to your great disgrace, which wee hope you will take care to prevent; wee are Yor very Lou. freinds, John Cradock, Will. Pitt, Joseph Seward, Hugh Baker, Ben. Gould, James Gould. Aug. 31: 1677."

"Dorsett the Burrough of Dorchesr.

Aug: 31: 1677.

This day I Jasper Samwayes in discharge of my concience and according to my duty doe resigne my place of a Capitall Burgiss into the hands of the Mayor and Company, desireing that some other man may be chosen in my place; Witness my hande the day and yeare aboue written,

Jasper Samwaies."

On three half sheets of foolscap.

Endorsed "1677: In this is the Resignacion of Mr. Jesper Samwayes of his being a Capitall Burgesse." B. 42.

Laurence Stafford's Legacy.

A half sheet of foolscap paper contains a copy of discharge from the Bailiffs and Burgesses of Dorchester to Elizabeth, late wife of Laurence Stafforde, and to Edward Coyshe, the now husband of the said Elizabeth, of a legacy of £100 bequeathed by the said Laurence Stafforde, of Dorchester, for the benefit of the Poor of the Borough. Sealed with the Common Towne Seale, 26 July, 18 James, 1620. B. 26.

William Perkins' (Parkins') Legacy.

1633, Nov. 1. "Mr. William Perkins gave by his will *cli.* to the Towne, to bee imployed to some such good vse as his father, Mr. John Perkins, and Mr. John White, our minister, shall direct, and now Mr. John Perkins, being his sonnes executor, is content to graunt an anuity out of his lands of v*li.* yearely in fee to such good vses as he and Mr. White shall direct, which offer Mr. Maior and the Company are well contented with and doe accept." C. 9.

Richard Bushrod's Legacy.

1648-9, Jan. 18. "Ordered that Mr. John Williams pay in all the money due and in arreare for two Anuyties due and given to the Free Schoole and charitable uses vntill our Lady Day next out of the land at Wotton which was Mr. Richard Bushrod's iiij*l.* per annum for many yeares past." C. 12.

1649, Dec. 3. "It is agreed and ordered that if Mr. John Williams of Wotton Glandfield, late of Plumber, shall pay vnto this Corporacion the somme of 10*li.* betwixt this and Christide for the Arreares of the two Annuities of xl*s.* each, due and payable out of the farme of Glandfield Wotton by the guift of Mr. Rich: Bushrod, vidz. xl*s.* for encrease of the Schoolmaster's mayntenance, and xl*s.* to be disposed of vnto charitable vses at the discretion of Feoffes, that then the sayd Mr. John Williams shall be discharged in full for all the arreares of the two foresayd Annuityes vntil Midsommer last." C. 12.

And that Mr. Reve shall have of this money ..	6
For other charitable vses	4
	£10

"Dorchester, the 6 off Feb., 1693-4.

Mr. Stephen Abbott, Sr, This is to lett you know that we have (to our great cost) found out how and in what manner the six pounds per annum out of your Estate at Wotton was charged by Mr. Bushrod, the owner thereoff, and itt is payable att our Lady Day and Micelmas vnder a penalty off forty shillings. I intend the next weeke, God willing, to call on you for itt, and if not entierly payd, we shall enter on the land and take the penaltie. You know itt hath bin allways payd without disturbance or demunition [*sic*] vntill

your late vnreasonable scrupells: and seeing you haue putt soe hard vpon vs, I haue bin desired [by] our Company to tell you that the Towne will not loose one Jot of itts Rights for the future. But this I shall Indeauour to gett the Commissioners on the next tax to abate to you six pounds per annum, in the valew of your said estate, seeing what you pay vs is wholy to charitable vses. I am, [unsigned]." C. 9.

John Hayman's Gift.

1658, Sept. 24. "Mr. Bayliffe Cole vndertooke to engage his brother, Mr. Roger Cole, to demand of the Churchwardens of St. Savior, Southwarke, fiftie pounds which were giuen by one John Hayman for the pore of this Towne, payable by the sayd Wardens." C. 15.

1659, June 3. "It is ordered that Mr. John Bushrod do demand and receive that part of the fiftie pounds giuen by Mr. Hayman to this Towne, payable by the Churchwardens of St. Savior's in Southwarke, which is already raised, which wee vnderstand to bee almost twenty pounds." C. 15.

Julian Perkins' (Parkins') Legacy.

1658, Nov. 12. "This day Arthur Gould was here, and did express himselfe willing to lay out the 100*li.* giuen by Mris. Parkins to the Towne, upon some Towne land for a Rent Charge or Annuity charged thereon of fiue pounds a yeare, payable to the ouerseers of the pore of each parish for the use of the pore every Candlemas day." C. 15.

1658-9, March 4. "That the 100*li.* given by Mris. Parkins to the pore of the Towne be received, together with twenty pounds more giuen to some other place, by the Towne Steward for which the George shall be charged with the Annual Rent of six pounds for ever." C. 15.

1660, April 19. "Whereas Mris. Julian Perkins, late of Trinity parish in this town, deceased, did bequeath one hundred pounds to be distributed for the benefit of the three parishes in this town . . . and whereas the Maior, &c., . . . have granted a rent chardg of 6*li.* a year to Arthur Gold, Susan Grosse, (executors) Josiah Terry, Tho. Simonds and John Foyle, (overseers of her will), and their heirs, to bee issuing out of the Georg in Dorchester: Now wee herby signifye and declare that we haue receiued the sayd hundred

pounds and haue disposed the same into the stock of the Brewhouse, and that it is agreed that the sayd 6*li.* a year be issuing and payable yearly out of the profits of the sayd Brewhouse, and charged upon the same in all accounts; the sayd Inn being only charged therewith for the security therof, but the Brewhouse for the discharge and payment . . . to be payd in Trinity Church every twenty-fifth day of March." C. 9.

Towards the end of C. 27 is entered a copy of the indenture, dated 19th April, 1660, by which the Corporation covenants with the persons above-named and the Overseers of the three Parishes, to charge the three messuages, called the George, with the payment of £6 yearly.

John Churchill's Legacy.

1662, April 26. "Constable William Churchill, being about to go to London, was desired to speak with Mr. Wynston Churchel about the fifty pounds which his father* gaue as a Legacy to the pore of the Towne, and to bring an answere from him concerning it." C. 15.

Miscellaneous Charities.

1620, Aug. 4. A note of certen monyes which are dew to the Towne.

Mr. Bushrode hath mony bequeathed to the Towne by Thomas Hodges, of London, to bee disposed by Mr. White, Mr. Cheek, Mr. Whiteway and Mr. Bushrode	1*li.*
Mr. Morgan Hayne hath of the mony given by Mr. Barber of the Lottery, which is appoynted to bee ymployed for the benefitt of the Hospitall	1*li.*
Mr. Bailiffe Parkins hath of Lawrence Stafford's mony giuen for the benefitt of the poore of this borough	c*li.*

[This last entry is crossed off.] C. 4.

1631, Nov. 21. "That Mr. Derby be prayd to make serch for old Mr. Williams' will concerning a guift of Sir John Williams' auncestors of 40s. per annu' to the old alms house within this Borough which is deteined." C. 9.

Other Charities are mentioned by Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii, p. 404.

* The father of Winston Churchill died 6th April, 1652. (Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. iv, p. 469.)

THE ALMSHOUSES.

It has already been mentioned on page 510 that an order was made in 1835 for separating the Trust and Charity muniments from those relating to the Corporation of the Borough. Little therefore remains among the latter records bearing upon the three Almshouses situated within the Town.

Whetstone's Almshouse.

The book, C. 7, though subsequently used as a minute book by the Corporation (viz., from 22nd February, 1691, to 30th March, 1733), was intended originally for the purposes of this Almshouse, and contains accounts from 2nd August, 1619, to 29th September, 1651. It begins, "Emanuel: the secondth daye of August, 1619: A Record kept to all posterity that John Whettstone merchaunte, late of Rodden in the parishe of Abbotsburye, . . . gave unto the Towne of Dorchester in the County of Dorset five hundred pounds to the buyldinge of an Almeshouse for poore folk," etc., by will dated 28th January, 1614. It is further stated that £20 was paid to —— Rutter for the site in the parish of All Saints, on which the Almshouse was built, and £200 to Mr. Foxall for land in Hermitage and Rodehill, and the total expenditure for land and building, including £8 given to the almspeople, Lady Day to Michaelmas, 1621, was £411 . 15. 1.

1634, Dec. 19. An estate in Symondsbury, in possession and reversion, to be bought of one Wade, for £150, for this Almshouse, with the Almshouse money, viz., a capital dwelling house and 4 or 5 acres of ground, worth £6 per ann., a meadow worth £4, a dwelling house and 4 a., worth £4, a dwelling house and 2 a. worth £2, a dwelling house and garden worth £1 (which, except the capital messuage and grounds, are in lease for three lives at 13*s.* 4*d.* rent). C. 9.

It was ordered on 28th August, 1826, that the pay of the almspeople be increased from three to four shillings a week, and on 16th April, 1829, by one shilling a week for each couple. C. 42*a*.

Napper's Almshouse.

1650, April 1.

"To Mr. Napper. Sir, You may please to bee informed, that there is a place void in your Almeshouse, by the death of another of our Townsmen. Wee have underwritten presented you the names of three poore men according to our

former custome, that one of them may bee pitcht on by you to enter in the roome of the former, soe that this new election will make vp but fower of the Towne. Wee shall humbly intreate you as opportunity shall serve, that the number may bee equallized with the County, which your selfe and your worthy predecessors have alwayes don vntill these tymes of trouble; wee shall likewise pray your concurrance in the choice of two new Feoffees for the Parsonage of Froome Whitefeild, namely, Mr. John Whiteway and Mr. Henry Maber, both of this Corporacion, in the place of Mr. Edmund Dashwood and Mr. William Derby, deceased; heerein wee shall have the approbacion of some other gentlemen who are alsoe feoffees with you. Wee beseech you to trouble your selfe soe farre as to lett us know your pleasure heerin by a lyne or two, and by these and your many former favors, you will very much oblige, sir, your worship's most humble and thankefull servants, [unsigned]. The poore men's names, Alexander Biles, William Cooke, William Miller."

"The first of Aprill, 1650." C. 9.

1809, March 13. "At a Meeting held to consider the complaints made respecting Napper's Almshouse, situate within the Borough; It appears that the said Almshouse was endowed in the 13th year of the Reign of his Majesty King James the First, by the name of Napper's Mite, by Sir Robert Napper, with certain Lands Tenements and Hereditaments, situate lying and being at Little Piddle in the Parish of Piddletown in the said County of Dorset, for the benefit and support of Ten Poor Men to be resident in the said Almshouse;

It further appears that in the year 1670 the said Almshouse was further endowed by Sir Gerrard Napper with the Manor of Stert, lying in the Parish of Babcary in the County of Somerset;

It also appears that only Three Poor Men are now resident in the said Almshouse who receive the Benefit thereof, and that the Rules and Ordinances made and set down for the Government of the said Almshouse and of the said Ten Poor Men are not at present observed;

Resolved, that Humphrey Sturt, Esqr., the Heir of the said Sir Robert Napper and also of the said Sir Gerrard Napper, in whom the said Lands are now vested upon Trust and for the Benefit of the said Ten Poor Men who are to reside in the said Almshouse, be immediately applied to, to give an account

of the Funds arising from the said Lands and Hereditaments situate at Little Piddle in the said County of Dorset, and Stert within the Parish of Babcary in the said County of Somerset, and of the Application thereof, and that the same may in future be applied for the Maintenance and Support of Ten Poor Men to be resident in the said Almshouse agreeable to the Will and Intention of the Founders thereof, and that the Rules and Ordinances for the better Government and Regulation of the said Almshouse may be in future observed;

Resolved that a Copy of the Minutes of this Meeting be transmitted by the Town Clerk to Mr. Sturt." C. 42*a*.

1809, Sept. 12. Resolved that the necessary Measures be pursued by an application to the Court of Chancery for applying the Rents of the Estates in the Counties of Dorset and Somerset, given and devised for the Benefit of Napper's Almshouse in this Borough, and for enforcing the Rules and Ordinances for the better Government and Regulation of the said Almshouse, and that the Town Clerk do forthwith pursue such Measures accordingly. C. 42*a*.

Chubb's Almshouse.

"A copy of the 215*li*. paid and disbursed by Mris. Chub towards the 400*li*. which she owes the Towne." (Sheet of foolscap.)

Margaret Chub, of Dorchester, widow, was bound by her indenture of 29 April, 18 James I. [1620], to pay the Bailiffs and Burgesses £400. She has now paid £215, of which £115 have been employed in reedifying the Old Almshouse, and £100 to be employed for the benefit of the children of the workhouse or Hospital of the Borough. 16 April, 19 Jas. I [1621]. C. 5.

1640-1, March 3. The three parishes of the Town have in turn chosen an inmate of the women's Almshouse. It is now the turn of Trinity parish to choose one, but as it refuses to contribute to the rate weekly [two shillings] for the relief of the poor of All Saints', a poor woman of All Saints' parish to be chosen in the place now void. C. 12.

1792, Nov. 13. Mr. Robert Lambert having settled his account as Steward of Chubb's Charity, the balance to be paid to Mr. Richard Cozens the present Steward of the said Charity, Agreed that in future the Accounts of Whetstone's Almshouse and Napper's Charity be annually settled and that

new Stewards be appointed annually, that Mr. Robert Stickland, present Steward of Whetstone's and Mr. Richard Cozens, present Steward of Napper's, are desired to deliver in their accounts forthwith. And that in future the Stewardship of Whetstone's Almshouse to be undertaken by the person who last executed the office of Chubb's Charity, and of Napper's by the person to be the next Mayor at the Michaelmas following. C. 42*a*.

The allowance to the Poor Women in this Almshouse was ordered, on 6th January, 1808, to be raised from ninepence to one shilling a week, and on 19th February, 1834, to be increased one shilling a week from the following 25th March. C. 42*a*.

The Free School.

The charges incurred in the building of the Free or Grammar School during the year 1567 occupy several pages in the Account Book, C. 2, as the Town purchased in detail the various materials required. The following are some of the principal entries, but there are many others.

"Md. that Luke Adyn and William Chirchell made a bargen with John Roye for the makinge of a pynyon with iij chymes, and the poynen tabell and one side wayle with xij lyghts, and a stonen doure in the same walle, beinge the scoule howse, and to have for the worke man shippe viij*li*. Also to paye hym for makinge of the fore walle to the Stritte xvj*d*. a preche."

"It'm, paide more vnto John Roye in parte of his work the laste of November, 1567, xx*s*."

John Roye was paid £1 at intervals. Freestones came from Poxwell, and wall stones from Upwey.

"It'm, John Roye mvst have for the makinge of the stone in [stonen] dowre tow the strite, with moulde worke and a tabell of the same dowre vj*s*. viij*d*. and also he mvst make viij lyghtes of stone with moulde worke and a tabell for the same wyndowse, and he to have iij*s*. a lyght. And also tow paye hym for the hweinge of the lodge ment and settinge ij*d*. a fowte."

"It'm, paide vnto Rollyns and Byshope of Forthinge tund [Fordington] for the caridge of Tow lode of Tymber from Chubbes scoule howse viij*d*."

"It'm, paide the Quaryors of Hamdon in parte of payment of x lyghtes at iij*s*. iiij*d*. the light, xx*s*."

"Paide John Roye in the full endinge of his worke beinge xlvij perche at 16*d*. the perche, fowre score fowtte of loddgge ment and grac tabell at ij*d*. a fowtte, vj lyghtes at iij*s*. iiij*d*. a lyght, and the dowre vj*s*. viij*d*., so that the holle svmme of this worke is with the hwinge of tow moynell and poyntinge of it, 4*s*., and the makinge of the Tabell for the King's Armes at ij*s*. vj*d*. Svm is v*li*. ix*s*. ij*d*. paide hym in full payment and (also to paide hym x*s*. to the making of chimne) xxx*s*."

"It'm, Paide Robartt Amay for fyve wikes brode at ij*s*. viij*d*. the wike for cuttinge of the Quynes armes xiij*s*. iiij*d*."

The list of Masters given in Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii, p. 368, begins with

EDWARD DOUGHTY, M.A., 1580, who is followed by

HENRY HARRIS, a native of Dorset, who matriculated at Oxford, 11th October, 1583, aged 15, from St. Alban Hall; B.A., 1588; M.A., 1590; buried 31st May, 1596. To him succeeded

ROBERT CHEEKE, *circa* 1595, who was also Rector of All Saints', and died in 1627. (Perhaps M.A., Magdalen Hall, Oxford, 1598, a native of Somerset).

GABRIEL BALL, not mentioned in this list, but elected 1630. He matriculated 13th December, 1622, aged 18, from Brasenose College, son of John Ball of Thurlbare, Somerset, and subscribed the usual declaration, as *literatus*, 22nd September, 1627, previous to his ordination as Deacon by the Bishop of Bristol. (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, p. 188).

1629-30, Jan. 14. "Gabriell Ball chosen for the Free Shoole, and he is to teach and here the Hospitall children two howers in the weeke: at two seuerall tymes towards night: and for his paynes to have xx nobles: to be paid vnto him quarterly by the Steward of the Hospital, whereof and wherevnto George Gould will allowe v*li*. which is to be deducted out of George Gould's yerely stipende." C. 9.

1634, April 23. "The Husher, namely Mr. Forward,*

* Perhaps either Samuel Forward, Trinity College, Oxford, B.A., 1629; M.A. (New Inn Hall), 1636; or John Forward, New Inn Hall, B.A., 1632, both sons of Thomas Forward, Rector of Lydlinch.

for supplying the place of an husher in the schoole within this Borough, shall haue yearely for his paines there xx markes besids his vailes and gratuityes in the schoole, which xx marks [£13 . 6 . 8] shall thus arise, viz. xx nobles out of Froome, iiij*li.* the rent of the husher's howse, and 53*s.* 4*d.* out of the Brewhowse in lieu of Mr. Bushrod's guift to the schoole till that may bee recovered." C. 9.

GABRIEL REEVE, *circa* 1634 or 1635. He was a native of Hants, and matriculated 23rd October, 1612, aged 19, from New College; B.A., 1616, M.A., 1619.

An account of all the monies which have ben collected for the benefitt of the Free Schoole in Dorchester since 1630, and what hath ben expended out of the same for the same vse, and made vp to 20 January, 1635 :—

		£	s.	d.
1631.				
November 5.	Given by severall persons at St. Peter's Church	025	03	00
	Given more by severall persons at All Sts' Ch.	003	08	03
1632.				
August 6.	Given by seuerall persons at Peter's Church ..	012	14	02
November 5.	Given more at the same Church	012	05	03
1633.				
August 6.	Given more at the same Church	010	10	05
Novem. 5.	Given more at the same Church	010	17	07
1634.	More collected by Mr. Benne at severall tymes	009	00	06
Novembr. 5.	More collected at Peter's Church	012	11	4
	Summe is	096	10	6

Whereof lost by light gould on exch'	000	05	09
More allowed for rent of one of the schoole closes which Beniamyn Devenish abated bicause he alleaged that he laid it out in fencing	005	05	0
For rents of the other close which Mr. Branker received more than he ought	000	10	0
More laid out to Mres. Cheek for boarding the vpper roome over the old schoole and amending the glas windowes ..	000	12	0
More which Mr. Reeve laid out for fencing the schoole closes..	002	04	2
More laid out by Mr. Reve about the schoole walles as by his noate	023	17	11
More laid out by him as by an accompt which he formerly delivered	006	00	3
More laid out by Mr. White for the schoole wall, thornes, &c.	004	03	2
	42	18	3

January xxvj, 1635. Received of Mr. Gabriell Reve by the Maior, Bailiffs, Alder', Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester to ballance the accompt	053 . 12 . 3
	096 . 10 . 6

£50 out of this £53 . 12 . 3, to be paid to Mrs. Lawrence "for soe much which the Incorporation owes her," and the Town Steward to allow interest for this mony out of the Town purse, till further order. C. 9.

1635, May 29. "It is ordered that these particuler soms herevnder following shalbe allowed to Mr. Gabriell Reves out of the money collected for the benefit of the Schole on the 6th of August and the 5th of November, viz.

	£ s. d.
For 18 perche of mud wall, strawe, spars, thatching and making thatch	1 . 2 . 8
For a new dead hedge	1 . 10 . 0
For abatemts. of Rent on Mr. Ry: Buryes bill	3 . 7 . 7
	6 . 0 . 3

1639-40, Jan. 10. Agreed to haue a certificate to the Com'rs for charitable vses that it is the Companie's opinions and have ben that all men of ability shall give xx*s*. a yeare for euery child they shall send to the frescole to be taught, till the Scholemr's mayntenance by foundacion and adicion by the Towne be made vp xl*li*. yearely." C. 12.

1640, May 15. "It is this day agreed one that from hence foorth Thomas Phillips, Scrivener, shall constantly repayre to the Free Schoole within this Borough, to teach such a number of Schollers as ar willinge to learn to write one hour every day in the week, excipt Saturday, and it shall be att such a time as Mr. Gabriell Reeve shall think best and most convenient for ther best advantage to be profited, and it is thought fitt by that Company that he haue from every Scholler that he doth teach 2*s*. 6*d*. the quarter." C. 12.

1640, Sept. 12. Mrs. Monke of Exeter, who has a lease for three lives in the school lands in Froome Vawchurch, is content to give up her lease upon assurance of 20*li*. She may be persuaded to 18*li*. yearly during her life. C. 12.

1641, Sept. 22. "It being putt to the Company whether William Munden and William Besse, of thes Borough, are in their iudgemt to be accompted poore men, to haue their children taught at the Gramer Schoole for nothing, They resolved that they were men of ability, fitt to pay for teaching their children." C. 12.

1647, Dec. 17. Upon the sum of £53 . 12 . 3, which the town had in hand twelve years ago, 5% to be paid for ten

years past, abating two years interest for the wars, in the which time the Schoolmaster was absent*. The sum has now become £80 . 02 . 3. Interest on the latter sum at 5% to be allowed, till it becomes £96 . 10 . 6, the sum first collected, which will be in 1651. C. 9.

1649, Aug. 31. "This day vpon Mr. Reves demanding of the proffitts of the 53*li*. 12*s*. 3*d*. of the School master's monny now in the Townes hands, wee do find that two yeares agon Mr. Reve was to haue payed vnto him by order, for proffitt of the sayd monny, 27*li*. 10*s*. And since that time he was, by the same order, to be paid 5 profit the 100*li*., which now, in Decemb. next, comes vnto 35*li*. 10*s*. which is to be paid vnto him."

"This Company doth order that Mr. Nathaniel White shall pay vnto Mr. Reve the quarter's rent for the Vsher which is due at our Lady day last out of the Parsonage, and Mr. White hath promised accordingly at their order." C. 12.

1649-50, Jan. 18. "At a conference with Mr. Reve concerning an Husher to be procured, it was resolved that Mr. Gower should be desired to write vnto Mr. Langley that the Husher which he had prouided for this place should have xx*li*. a yeare, besides the guifts which he should haue from the schollars. And withal that Mr. Langley be enformed of the low condicion of the Schoole, and how few boyes there be. And it being commended to Mr. Reve's consideracion whether it were not better that he did relinquish his place, hauing lost his esteeme both in the Towne and country, then any longer to continue Schoolmaster to the preiudice of the Towne and Schoole, the further debate thereof was putt off to be had at Mr. Gower's house on Wednesday, fower of the Clock in afternoone, together with the ministers and this Company." C. 12.

* 1646, Nov. 27. Whereas in the town of Dorchester "there is a convenient dwellinge provided for the Schoolmaster and a small pencion but of twentie pounds per ann. for his maynetenance, in respect whereof the sayd schoole hath been a good space since without a schoolmaster, and whereas Mr. Gabryell Reve, whoe hath heertofore been a schoolemaster there, uppon the intreatie and request of the inhabytants of Dorchester aforesayd, soe that there may be an addicion of fortie pounds per ann. to the sayd schoole, hath ingaged himselfe to undertake the government of the sayd school againe"; it is ordered that £20 per ann. be paid him out of each of the impropriate parsonages of Puddletrenthide and Fordington on condition that he teach, *gratis*, twelve scholars of Dorchester and twenty of the country. (*Minute Books of the Dorset Standing Committee*, p. 85).

1649-50, Jan. 28. "This day Mr. Edward Archbold came to Mr. Mayor and this Company, and was told that xx*li*. per ann. was the stipend which he must expect as Husher, if he would accept of the place, besides the guifts of the schollars, which he did accept of vpon the Condicions mentioned." C. 12.

1650, Aug. 2. "It is ordered and desired that Mr. Mayor and Mr. Loder and Mr. B. Dashwood do acquaint Mr. Reve with the message which Mr. Bond sent downe to this Company the last tearme, viz. that they should remove Mr. Reve from the Schole, or else that he would withdraw the benefitt of the Schole Closes from the School master's mayntenance, and to acquaint him with the general dislike that this Company and the Townes people take at his continuance to their preiudice." C. 12.

1650, Oct. 18. A letter to be sent to Mr. Reeve, signed by all the Company, requesting him to take "a resolutyon of remouall from the scoole." C. 12. This is followed on 1st Nov. by a resolution of the School Feoffees for his removal for "want of care to preserve the repute of the school." C. 9. Mr. Reeve agrees, 31st Jan., 1650-1, to relinquish the School, at our Lady Day next, C. 12, and on 21st March a long reply is sent to his demand for arrears of rent and stipend. C. 9. It seems he did not vacate his office at Lady Day, for an order is sent for his removal by the Feoffees on 4th April, 1651. C. 12. By the 5th Nov. following, he appears to have gone to "Redding."

1651, March 28. "It is agreed that Mr. Archbold, the Husher, shall be warned to be gon from hence as vnfitt to continue here longer by reason of his late offensive carriage." C. 12.

1651, April 12. "This day Mr. Birstall* was sent for into this hall and this Companie declared they were not pleased with his taking of a place in the Towne (as they conceive) in opposition vnto them and the discouraginge of a Scoolemaster to come into this place, and therefore that they cannot approve of his setlement in that place, and that they woold certefie the rest of the Feoffees thereof." C. 12.

* William Birstall, B.A., 1640; D.D., King's College, Cambridge, 1662; Master of Sherborne School, 1653-63; subscribed the necessary declarations 4th February, 1660-1, on being licensed by the Bishop of Bristol to teach school, and again, 8th August, 1662, as Master of Sherborne School. *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, pp. 136, 233); Rector of Eversley, 1663.

1651, April 18. "At a meeting with some others which were desired to assist for procuring of a Scholemaster, vidz. Mr. W: Paty, Mr. Stansby, Mr. Seward and Arthur Gould, It was concluded that two able and vnderstanding men of this towne be sent forthwith into Hartfordsheere to enquire whether the good report concerning Mr. Kempe, of Hitchin, be such or no." C. 12.

1651, April 24. "That a letter be sent vnto the Scoolemaster of Hychin, Mr. Joseph Kemp, to invite him hither to confer with the Towneship and Feoffees about being Scoolemaster; the letter to be sent by the post vnto London, and from thence by an expresse. The letter was this day subscribed by the Companie present and Mr. Jolliffe Mr. Baylif Bushrod is desyred to send this letter to Mr. Nole, and by him to be sent by an expresse vnto Mr. Kemp." C. 12.

1651, April 25. Mr. Joseph Kempe.

"Worthy Sir, Wee hope it was in mercy to this place that, when wee wanted a Schoolemaster, wee weere soe happily enformed by Mr. Mallary of your worth and sufficiency for that necessary employment, which Report concerning you, wee have alsoe received from divers worthy men, which is our encouragement att this tyme to invite you hither, that if you please, wee may have Conference with you, and may treate more largely of those particulars which concerne the Schoole, and the Condition of it. The place is now newly void, soe that wee are free to treate with another man, and although wee have had many earnest suiters for the same, since the Report of its intended Vacancy, and that by persons of vn [? an] eminency, backed with the sollicitacions of powerfull gentlemen, yett wee have hitherto denyed all Suiters, being resolved by God's assistance, not to admitt any man, whose sincerity for Religion did not as well commend him to our choice as his other abillityes. The Revenue belonging to the master is about 50*li.* per annum, with a faire house and garden, a spacious Schoole, and a publicke Library annexed, all vnder one Roofe; Wee shall desire your speedy answere heerevnto, and daily waite your coming vnto vs, which wee desire may bee with all convenient speed. The only wise God direct your way vnto us, and make it prosperous for his glory and the publicke good of this place, which are and shall bee the prayers of, Sir,

Your loving friends, Vnknowne."

[No Names.]

Dorchester, the 25th of Aprill, 1651. C. 9.

1651, May 20. "This day this Company hath elected Mr. Joseph Kempe, of Hitchen, in Hartfordsheere to bee Scholemaster of the Free schoole of this Towne, who was invited hither by a Letter from this Company, and the said Mr. Kempe hath accepted of the said place vpon these condicions following (vidzt) that the Schole bee free for all the Townesmen's sons and of the places adjacent, And that the tyme of Mr. Kempe's entrance vpon the Schole as Master there, doe commence at Midsomer next; and that wee shall endeavour to gett the Feoffees' graunt to confirme this.

Ri: Burie, Maior."

[and others, including the name of "Joseph Kemp."] C. 9.

"About tenne dayes after the abouesayd Order Mr. Kemp and his wiffe receiuinge some discouragements did write seuerall letters to be excused of the intended purpose for theyr removall vnto Dorchester, which occasioned this ensuing letter which is entred on the other syde of this leafe."

"Sir, Vppon Mr. Mallaries report this Towne sylenced theyr thoughts from lookinge out anie man to be a schoole master heer besyds yourselfe, and thought it to be from God that so vnexpectedlie he should name vs a man which we iudged fitt for vs. As soone as were in a capacitie we addressed our selves to you, and you were pleased to comply with our desyres and come vnto vs, and vppon treatie with you we did elect you Schoolemaster of the Free Schoole, vppon the conditions then expressed and agreed on vnder our hands and yours; All scruples were removed, and it seemeth verie strange that vppon such reports as ar not true, you should be so discouraged that nothinge should now satisfie you but the Towne seale. Yf anie man can iustlei charge vs to haue falsiffied our promises which the Corporation hath made to anie publike Person, we then shall submitt to the censure of beinge vnfaithfull to our promises, but we hope none of our Schoolemasters or Mynisters, either now alive or those which have gone before, could iustlie tax vs therin. Although we thought there had been no further need of Capittulations yet for your satisfactyon we shall yeld to what soever is within our power, and fitt for vs to graunt. For the Scoole and Rents they are your owne by deed and act of Parliamt, which is better assurance than anie we can geiue you, and yet you shall haue our best assistance for recoueringe of them, yf anie feyler be. We assure you that of all those rents Mr.

Reeue hath not lost five pounds these 20 yeeres, vnles in tyme of the late troubles; from rates, taxes and quarteringe of souldyers you shalbe freed, and yf anie charge be layd vppon you that way, we will beare it; we will remove Mrs. Cheeke, and repayre the Schoole and Schoolehowse to your hands, as we promised, and secure you in possession; we doe not intend that you shall teach English scoolers nor teach to write. For the priueledges and benefitts of your place we refer you to the terms of our agreement; we had taken order for an Instrument from the Feoffees for your setlement before your letters came to our hands. And now hauing endeuored to the vttermost of our powers to satisfie your demaunds, and the expectation of the Towne and Cuntrie beinge raysed vppon the reports of your coming hither, we cannot see what resons you haue in contyente [*sic*] to refuse comming, hauinge so cleer a call, as we well remember you did acknowledge heer in our presence, you had received from vs. It is our vnhappines now at last, as it was yours at first, to be misrepresented; we did soone receiue satisfaction from you of the falshood of those reports, and we hope to fynd the like readynes in you to be ritelie enformed, or els we desyre you to geiue vs leaue to say we shall not receiue such a requitall as our loue and singular respects to you haue deserued; we perswade ourselves that our future carriage shall confute those calumnies, and therefore pray you to hasten your comming to vs agaynst the tyme appoynted; thus desyring God to setle your minde and perswade you to the pursuance of this your vnquestionable call (as we conceiue), who is onlie able to satisfy all your doubts and our wants, we commend you to his grace and blessinge, and rest

Your louinge Freinds,

Ri. Burie, Maior."

[and others.] C. 9.

1651, June 27. "Mr. Cole is desired to write to one, Mr. Thomas Poldon of Candle Purse, that he would come hither to treatt with Mr. Mayor and this Company about being Huisher at the Free Schole of this town." C. 12.

1651, July 4. "It is desyred that Mr. Gower and Mr. Whiteway doe ride vnto Sarum with Mr. Ben, and treat with Mr. Cox in relation to his beinge scoolemaster, and that he pay the charge of their journey." C. 12.

1651, Aug. 13. "To enquire after one Mr. Lydol,* of Trinity Colledge, Oxford, a godly man and good Schole master, who is recommended vnto this Companie per Mr. Ric' Sauage." C. 12.

1651, Aug. 22. "This day it is agreed that there be a messenger sent vnto Mr. Tutchin at St. Mary Otrey, to enquire from him by a letter which Mr. Mayor is desired to write, what report he can giue vnto this Company concerning one Mr. Thomas Newman, the present or late minister of Farneham, and of his iudgement of his fittness and abilitie to be a Schole-master of this Towne." C. 12.

1651, Sept. 17. "That Mr. Ric' Sauage be desyred to pay Mr. Newman's quarters, who came hither Monday night last, to be scoolemaster yf the Towne be so pleased to accept of him, and Mr. Maior is desyred to thanke him for his peynes, and to tell him that at this tyme the Towne is in treatie with Mr. Crumlum, and cannot vntill his answer be receiued, treat with any other." C. 12.

1651, Sept. 19. "Mr. Gower and Mr. Whiteway are desyred to ride to London to treat with Mr. Crumlum, and yf they can to make an agreement with him to be scolemaster heer, and also yf he please, to procure an Vsher to be heer vntill he commeth." C. 12.

Samuel Cromleholm, 1651, a native of Wilts, son of Richard Cromleholm of Quedgley, co. Glouc., sacr.; matriculated 13th November, 1635, aged 17, from Corpus Christi College, Oxford, B.A., 1639; M.A., 1642; Master of Mercers' Chapel School; Sur-master of St. Paul's School, 1647; Head Master, 1657; died 21st July, 1672.

1651, Oct. 10. Mr. Samuel Cromleholme elected Schoolmaster, from Michaelmas last. C. 9.

1651, Oct. 20. "It is ordered and desired that Mr. Mayor do pay or cause to be payed to Clement Bryne, for the carridge of Mr. Cromlehome's bookes downe from London this weeke." C. 12.

1651, Nov. 21. "This day this Company contracted with Mr. Thomas Polden to be Huisher of the Free Schole of this Towne, and for his paynes to make the Husher's stipend xx*li.* per ann., the sayd Mr. Polden to live in the Malter's

* John Lydall, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, 1648, who died 12th October, 1657, aged 32.

Roomes at Brewhouse freely as long as they can be spared, if he please. Hee to enter vppon the place at Christtide next." C. 12.

1651-2, Feb. 6. "It is ordered and agreed that in case Mrs. Lawrence, widow, will remove herselfe and goods out of the Schole-house Roomes, and peaceably deliver up the possession of the same into Mr. Cromleholmes hands, the present Schole Master, that then out of respect to the memory of Mr. Cheeke, her former husband, the sayd Mris. Lawrence shall have paid vnto her by the Steward of the Hospital the somme of fower pounds per annum towards her house rent, to begin from Lady day next, and to be continued as long as shee shall live in Towne. It is to be understood that shee deliver vp the sayd Roomes betwixt this and Lady Day." C. 9.

1657, Oct. 2. "It is agreed that Mr. Cromleholme shall haue xx*l.* giuen to him in consideracion of his repayring the house and building of the new Washing house, and of the fruit trees, herbs and flowers in the garden, which the Company desire may not be wasted nor defaced by the removal of poles, postes or anything else out of the garden." C. 15.

1657, Oct. 2. "It is ordered and resolved that there be forthwith enquiry made concerning Mr. Everard,* of Christ Church in Oxford, for his sufficiency in learning and pietie to be our Schole Master in the place of Mr. Cromleholme. And that a Messenger shall be sent on Tuesday next to Oxford to that purpose: in order therevnto, yet is desired by this Company that Mr. Benn doe write to Mr. Bull, and Mr. Gower and Mr. Benn to Mr. Russell, and Mr. Jno. Whiteway to Doctor Wilkinson and Mr. Jno. White, for their advice in reference to Mr. Everard's fittnes, and if they giue incurragment, the messenger is to deliuer a letter from this Company to invite him hither." C. 15.

1657, Oct. 9. "Mr. Cromleholm came to this Company and deliuered up his order of deputacion which hee had receiued for scholemaster, being chusen Scholemaster of Pawles, and desired this Company to choose another Scholemaster." C. 9.

ANTHONY WITHERS, 1657. He matriculated 16th November, 1650, from New College; B.C.L., 1654.

1657, Oct. 18. "This day the Company hath resolved to send vnto Mr. Anthony Withers, who is now come hither

* Samuel Everard, Christ Church, B.A., 1641; M.A., 1644; Rector of Swyncombe, 1666.

from Oxford with testimonials of his abilityes from Dr. Wilkinson and the Warden of New Colledge and the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Conant, to tender him the Free Schole of this Towne, vpon the Termes which Mr. Cromlum had the same." C. 15. Elected the next day. C. 9.

1658, May 14. £5 to be paid to Mr. Anthony Withers, Scholemaster, for his charge in coming down from Oxford. C. 15.

1658, Sept. 3. "Mr. Mayor is desired to write vnto Mr. John Loder,* of London, to entreatte him to vse all possible wayes to prevent Mr. Withers' removal from vs, and to engage his friends also to hinder Mr. Withers being chosen to Wynchester Schole, if possible." C. 15.

1659, July 15. The Company signed a parchment of School orders, containing seven articles, the first being for payment of £50 per ann., without diminution for taxes, to Mr. Wyther.

1661-2, March 21. Mr. Wither to be paid £20 by the Town Steward, in full of all demands of £20 per ann., which was heretofore coming to him from Fordington Parsonage.

JOHN STEVENS came 12th December, 1662 (Hutchins' *Dorset*). Probably the John Stevens, Priest, who signed the declarations as Master of Bristol Grammar School, 3rd June, 1662 (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. v, p. 232), and who was master thereof from 8th March, 1657-8, to 9th December, 1662. Perhaps Rector of Wyly, 1664, Preb. of Chute, 1692-8, Preb. of Hurstbourne, 1698, and died 1701.

1664, Apr. 6. "In regard that it is observed that the Schoole is much impayred in reputation and number of schollars to the great sufferance of this town"; It is ordered that rules and orders for the school should be drawn up by Mr. Wm. Pitt, Mr. Joseph Seward, and Mr. Gold, and submitted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses, and when approved to be sent up to Mr. Recorder at London, to be drawn by him into form. A copy to be delivered to the present School master, to be observed by him, on pain of dismissal. C. 15.

1664, Oct. 21. "Mr. Terry and Mr. Seward are desired by the Company to repaire to Mr. Hammond† to knowe of him yf he be willing to accept of the Schole Master's place of the towne vppon the subscripcion mencioned in the act of Par-

* Formerly Minister at Fordington. See hereafter.

† George Hammond, formerly Minister of Holy Trinity.

liament, and yf he will, they will recommend him to the Feoffees."

"Mr. Terry and Mr. Seward delivered the desires of the Company to Mr. Hammond, and he retorned his thankes to the Company, and because the matter is of weight, desires respect to give in his answer till this day seavenight, and Mr. Hammond hath farther returned in answer that he hath heard the Duke* hath some preiudice against him; yf that preiudice cannot be taken of, he will not accepted [accept it] on any termes: neither can he accept it without the Lord Bishopp's approbacion." C. 15.

HENRY DOLLING, 1664. He matriculated at Oxford, 29th October, 1657; B.A., 1661; M.A. 1664.

1666, Nov. 9. Mr. Henry Dolling, the present Schoolmaster, to have the Hushier's house, with arrears of rent due to this day, during the pleasure of the Company. C. 15.

1667-8, Jan. 3. The Corporation informs Mr. Hammond that they expect rent for the house he lives in, if he continue it. In reply "he will refer himselfe to this Company concerning the rent of the howse wherein he liveth for the future." C. 15.

1674, April 3. Free School writings put into the boxes in the Towne Hall, (1) Deed, dated 3 Aug., 21 Eliz.; (2) Deed, 2 Jan., 8 James; (3) Deed, 9 Oct., 22 Chas. I.; (4) Deed, 19 Aug., 15 Chas. II.; (5) Deed, 20 Aug., 15 Chas. II.; (6) Paper of articles, orders and constitutions touching the Free School.

"All these writings were returned by John Harden, Esqr., whoe recieued them from the hands of Sir Gerred Napper, Knt., and brought into the hall by Mr. Wm. Pitt." C. 15.

1677, April 10. Mr. Dolling, the School Master, is lent the old deed of Mr. Hardy's to show the Commissioners of Charitable Uses—the Commissioners having summoned in Mr. Chick for seizing and possessing a living at Frome Vauchurch which belonged to the School. C. 15.

1693-4, Jan. 8. "Most honn' Sir. You haue bin waited on by some of vs in order to make a new Settlement of the Scoole Lands heare by filling vp the Trust. Your selfe, Mr. Williams, of Heringston, and Mr. James Gould are the Surviving Trustees, a Deed haue bin drawen and ingrossed for

* The Duke of Richmond and Lennox, High Steward of the Borough. See *ante*, p. 443.

you and the others to seale which haue bin refused: The new Feoffees intended in the Deed are as foloweth. Thomas Freeke, Esq., Thomas Trenchard, Esq., Natha: Napier, Esq., Country Gentlemen, Mr. Hugh Baker (Dead), Mr. Allixander Haviland, Mr. Andrew Loder, Mr. John Gollop, off the Town. But if all or either off these be not pleasing to you: please to name seauen others (soe as there bee fower of the Capitall Burgesses of this Borough as have bin euer accustomed). Wee are sure ther is nothing to be gotten by the trust but trouble.

Synce the Foundation of the Scoole, our predissessors haue constantly had the care and ouer-sight of the Scoole, the howses and buildings thereof, and the demeanor of the Scoole master and Vsher for the tyme beeing and the keeping of all the Deeds and Euidences of the lands, till in the late tyme of vsurpation one of the Feoffees, a gentleman then in great power, gott the oridginall Conveyance by which itt is aparent the Scoole hath bin abused. Wee pray your due consideration heare off and speedy direction, in order to the sealing the Deed, which shall be brought to you after your aprobation or nomination, as beefore mentioned, for we desier nothing more than to keep a right vnderstanding and a good corispondancy with persons of your merite, espetially those of your Family who haue bin so generous benifactors to our towne: with the tender of our Seruise, crauing a Speedy answer we do remayne [unsigned].

Dorchester, the 8 of Janu', 1693-4.

To Sir Natha: Napier, a Member off the honnorab: house of Commons at Westminster." C. 9.

"Westminster, Janua' the 13, 1693[-4].

"To Mr. Tho. Seward, Major,

Sir, Last Wensday at the Rising of the house I rec'd your letter of the 8th instant, and had not the opportunity then to deliuer Sir Natha. Napier the incloased, he beeing gon from the house befoare I receaved itt. The next day I did not find him att the house, which occasioned my not giuing you an acc: by that day's post; but yesterday, as soone as he came into the house and was seated, I went to him and setting downe by his side, I tould him I had rec'd a letter from you, and a nother encloased for him from our Company, to desier vs, who are the suruiuing trustees for our Fee scoole [*sic*] to fill vp the places of those that are dead, that soe the

trust may be the better exicuted. I att the same tyme presented him with that directed to him, which he rece'd of me and op'ned itt, looking on itt the tyme he might be reading itts contents, and then folded itt vp and putt itt into his pockett, telling me that himselfe and Mr. Williams had agreed to haue noe others added but each his sonn, to that trust. I then desired him to consider of itt, and that he would be pleased to wright you his Resolution him selfe: he replyed that he had beefore that tyme considred of itt, and thought itt not necessary for him to wright you his answer, but that I might acquaint you (if I pleased) that him selfe and Mr. Williams had resolved to haue noe others joyned with them but their two sonns in the trust for the scoole. When I found could obtayne noe other answer from him nor yet a place to argue the matter with him, to shew him the inconueniency of yt and your Resolution, I left him and remoued to a nother place, and he soone after went out of the house againe (I supoase to dinner) but I haue not seene him synce. For my owne part I shall be ready to doe any resonable act (as I take this desired to be) that shall be offred to me, and will by noe means joyne with them in soe vnresonable an act as excluding the Towne men, whose intrest itt is to advance what they can the incoaridgment and proffitts of the said scoole, and who can best and easiest look after itt, and haueing all the Deeds and Writings concerning the said Scoole in their Custody, may the better be informed what their power and trust is, and soe not soe easily imposed on as Strangers, that understand but litle thereof, may. I shall not trouble you farther att present, but conclude with my seruise to your selfe and the Company. (James Gould.)" C. 9.

1693-4, Jan. 26. "Right Honn'r, In this towne 14 Feoffees have bin created by act off Parliamnt in the yeare of King James the first, for the Parsonage of the Holy Trinity, which Feoffees are incorporated by the name of the Gardiens of the Free Scoole and Allmeshowse of Dorchester. Your Lordshipp's Grandfather and Father weare of the Corporation, and wee, that are the maior part of the Feoffees, have now elected your Lordship therein, of which this is to giue your Lordshipp notice, and rest. Signed per Alexander Hauiland, Andrew Loder, John Gollopp, John Oldis, John Nelson, George Lester, Max: Gollop."

To the Right Honnorab' Densill Lord Hollis, &c.

Dorchester, the 26 of January, 1693-4. C. 9.

For the names of the Masters who succeeded Henry Dolling, see the list given in Hutchins' *Dorset.*

The Hill Exhibition.

John Hill, by his will dated 7th May, 1657, bequeathed £100, to be invested in the purchase of real property in fee, in the County of Dorset, on trust to apply the rents and profits as a yearly Exhibition for the maintenance of a poor scholar, born of honest parents, inhabitants of Dorchester, and educated at the Free School there, and thence sent and promoted to one of the Universities of this Nation, from his admittance till he shall commence Bachelor of Arts, to be succeeded by a like poor scholar. Should there be a two years' vacancy in filling up this Exhibition, the yearly rent during such vacancy to be for the use of such poor person or persons as from time to time shall be heirs of the testator at common law, to be accounted and paid by the Mayor, Aldermen, etc. C. 9.

1658, Sept. 24. "It was agreed that Mr. Mayor should be desired to write to Mr. Davidge, that this Company have resolved to lay a Rent Charge of five pounds a yeare cleare of all charges vpon the George Inne, which is the Towne land, in consideration of the hundred pounds giuen to the Towne by Mr. John Hill for five pounds a yeare Exhibition for a pore Schollar of this Towne to be mayntayned in the Universitye." C. 15.

1658-9, March 4. "Ordered and agreed that the 100*li.* giuen by Mr. Hill for buying of five pounds a yeare land for mayntenance of a pore scholar in the Vniuersity shall be layed out in a tenement at Chaldon of Mr. Savage his land, for securing the sayd v*l.* per ann., and that Mr. Davidge have notice giuen to him of it by And: Loder." C. 15.

1659, July 4. "There was a contract and agreement betwixt the Corporacion and Mr. Christopher Bettscomb, of Symsbury, for the inheritance in fee of the house which lately Mris. Thompson dwelt in, in the parish of Trinity in this Towne, for the fine of one hundred five and twenty pounds." A letter was written to Mr. Richard Davidge to this effect, stipulating that the main house and little court should be made over to Mr. Hill's executors by deed from Mr. Bettscomb, and the stable and little garden by another deed to the Corporation, in consideration of their £25. C. 15.

1659, Sept. 16. "Good Mr. Dauidge, Sir, I sent you a letter about tree moneths since which I hope you receaued

though wee haue heard nothinge from you in answer thereto: signifieinge in behalfe of the Towne that we had made a purchas of a house in Trinity parrish in Dorchester of one Mr. Betscomb, the inheritance in fee whereof cost 125*li.*, one which wee intend to lay out the 100*li.* giuen by my Cozen Mr. John Hill to this Towne for the benifit of poore Schollers in the Vniuersity, and doe intend to haue too deeds made from Mr. Bettscomb, namely for the maine dwellinge house which is a new stone built and stone tiled, standinge in the Fore streate; wee intend it shalbe made ouer to you and to Mr. Beale, executors to Mr. Hill, for the sayd 100*li.* as the will doth direct: And the backe house and the Stable and little garden to be made ouer vnto the Towne in consideration of the 25*li.* ouerplus, in which deuision wee doe beleive you haue the better, for soe wee intended. The house and garden doth now yeeld 9*li.* per ann', wee to repaier it. Wherefore it is desired that you will provide the 100*li.* and send it downe as soone as may bee: or at least that you will appoint some Atturney to looke into the aforesaid particulers for your further satisfaction therein: and that you will take notice that the Towne is not defective one their part in answeringe the will of their deceased worthy Freind: where vnto wee shall desier your answer as soone as possible for the two yeares is almost expired. Thus after my hearty com' to you and Mr. Beale, I rest,

J. Whiteway, Mayor.

Dorchester, Septemb. 16th, 1659." C. 9.

"Which said 100*li.* is laide out in the land bought of Mr. Stephen Betscomb now in the possession of Robt. Pounsy, together with 25*l.* more of Owen Samwayes gift, makes in the whole 125*l.* The yearlie rent, besids charges, is to be devided to each vse for which it was given." C. 9.

1667-8, Jan. 17. "Ordered that Mr. Andrew Loadere be desired to take care in receiving [? renewing] wrightings relateing to the gift of Mr. Jno. Hill, &c., the wrightings being burnt in the late fyre at London." C. 15.

1802, April 12. Ordered that the Exhibition of five pounds a year, payable out of the house in the occupation of John Oldis to any Native of the Town of Dorchester, who shall go thence to either of the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge, and during so long time as he shall continue an under graduate at either of the said Places, be discharged from the said house, and to be in future charged on, and issuing

out of the Quit Rents yearly payable out of the nine Butchers Shops in the Parish of Saint Peter. The Deed indemnifying the Owner of the Exhibition House from payment of the Exhibition Money, and charging other lands with the same, is dated 26th April, 1802. C. 42*a*.

Exhibitioners.

1659. JAMES GOULD, son of Christopher. Wadham Coll. Matriculated 10th March, 1656-7. B.A., New Inn Hall, 1660; subscribed the usual declarations, before ordination as Priest by the Bishop of Bristol, 19th December, 1663; Rector of West Knighton, 1663; Vicar of Frome Billett and West Stafford, 1667. Elected at the desire of the Founder. C. 9, C. 15.

1661, July 5. JAMES GOOLD, son of Margery, widow. Exeter College. Matriculated 13th July, 1660; subscribed the declarations before ordination as Priest by the Bishop of Bristol, 4th June, 1664. C. 9, C. 15.

1670, Sept. 30. ALLEN LESTER, son of Allen. Wadham Coll. Matriculated 18th March, 1669-70, aged 17. B.A., 1674; Vicar of Ilfracombe, 1683. C. 15.

1674, Sept. 18. HENRY SNOOKE, son of John. Christ Church. Matriculated 17th July, 1674, aged 16. B.A., 1678; M.A., 1683; Canon of Chichester, 1680; Vicar of Brighthelmstone, 1681, and of Ringmere, 1690. C. 15.

1700, Sept. 27. JOHN NELSON, son of John. Balliol Coll. Matriculated 19th May, 1701, aged 16. B.A., 1705; M.A., Trinity Coll., Cambridge, 1709; Rector of Winterborne Germayne, 1707. C. 7.

1707, Aug. 25. NATHANIEL TEMPLEMAN, son of Abraham. Trinity Coll. Matriculated 14th January, 1706-7, aged 16. B.A., 1710; M.A., 1713; Rector of Church Knowle, 1712; of Charborough, 1716; Canon of Gloucester, 1730. C. 7.

1762. GEORGE WHITE, son of Robert. Wadham Coll. Matriculated 13th October, 1761, aged 15. B.A., 1765; Fellow of Balliol, 1767; M.A., 1768; Rector of Huntsfield, 1778. Died 22nd September, 1804. C. 37*a*.

1767, Oct. 5. THOMAS BRYER, son of William, deceased. St. John's Coll., Cambridge. B.A., 1771. C. 27.

1808, Nov. 4. JOHN OLD ZILLWOOD, son of William. Wadham Coll. Matriculated 15th July, 1808, aged 23. B.A., Magdalen Hall, 1814; M.A., 1815; Rector of Compton, Hants. Died 1871. C. 46.

1818. FRANCIS OAKLEY, son of Francis. Magdalen Hall. Matriculated 7th February, 1818, aged 30. Vicar of Bradpole. Died 6th Oct., 1843. C. 46.

1824. THOMAS CURME, son of Thomas. Worcester Coll. Matriculated 11th May, 1824, aged 18. B.A., 1828; Chaplain to Duke of Marlborough; Vicar of Sandford, Oxon, 1841. Died 23rd June, 1884. He received payment for two years in 1826, and was apparently the last Exhibitioner. C. 46.

By order in Council, 14th August, 1879, this bequest was added to the endowments of the Grammar School.

THE DORCHESTER LIBRARY.

A Catalogue of the Bookes in the Library of Dorchester with the giuers, taken in the yeare 1631. C. 10.

TITLE.	BENEFACTOR.
Biblia Regia, VII. Vol.	——
The Acts and Monuments of the Church, by J. Fox. II. Vol.	Mr. James Gould.
Henrici Stephani Thesaurus Linguæ Græcæ. V. Vol.	Mr. Jno. White.
Caluini Opera Omnia. VIII. Vol.	Mr. Wm. Whitway, Senj.
Zuinglij Opera. VII. Vol.	Mr. Goldesborough.
Melanchtonis Opera. V. Vol. Eiusdem Tabulæ Locorum Com. et Professio Regia P. Rami.	Mr. Giles Greene.
Purchas, his Pilgrimage	Mr. Robt. Coker.
Zanchius de Natura Dei	——
Pars Dictionarij Pet: Bercharij.	——
Tertia et 5° pars Hugonis Cardin:	——
Ouidij Opera cum Comment:	Mr. Wm. Coker, Esq.
S'nt Augustine of the Citty of God	Iohn Burrell, Esq.
Heylin's Geography	William Robinson, Esq.
Minsheu's Dictionary	Mr. Wm. Perkins.
Purchas, his Pilgrimes. IV. Vol.	Mr. Jno. Mounsell.
Saliani Annales, Vol. III.	Mr. Wm. Blachford.
Centuriæ Magdeburgh, Vol. III.	do.
Zanchij Opera, Vol. III.	do.
Bradwardinus de Causa Dej	do.
Chrysostomi Opera Græ: Vol. VIII.	Dr. Tho: Rieues.
Ortelij Tabulæ Geograph:	Sir John Croke, Knt.
Biblia Græca Septuag: Interp:	do.
Eusebij Histor: Eccles:	do.
Flauij Josephi Opera Græ-Lat:	do.
Scriptores Rerum Anglicarum ab Houedeno editi	do.
Justinus Martyr	do.
Mason of Bishops	do.
The Bishope of Rochester of the Pope's Authority	do.
Tortura Torti	do.
Dr. Beard of Antichrist	do.

TITLE.	BENEFACTOR.
The History of Tithes by Selden	Sir John Croke, Knt.
Barclay of the Pope's Authority	do.
Justinus cum Comment. Strigelij	do.
Montague against Selden	do.
Tabulæ Geograph: Ger: Mercatoris	Mr. Wm. Whiteway, the younger.
Two Globes with Frames and Boxes	do.
Concilia Generalia et Particularia omnia. V. Vol.	Sr Francis Ashley, Knt., and Kinges Sergeant.
The Maps of England by Speed	Mr. Robt. Midleton.
Speed's History of England	do.
Josephus, his History in English	John White, Esqr.
The Mystery of Iniquity	do.
Bishop Cooper's Workes	do.
An Italian Dict: by J. Florio..	do.
Hugh Sandford de Descensu Christi ad Inferos ..	do.
Elton vpon the Commandements	do.
A Conference of King James with the Clergy ..	do.
Epitome Annalium Cardinal. Baron:	Mr. John Ball.
Dr. Hall's Workes	Mr. George Bull.
Dr. White's Workes	do.
Serres, his History of France	Mr. Tho: Iefferys.
Perkins, his Workes. Vol. III.	Mr. Jno. Perkins.
The new Testament printed at Rheimes ..	Mr. Rich. Kelway.
Cartwright's Confutation of the Rhemish Translation	do.
Historia Concilij Tridentinj	do.
Biblia Iunij et Tremelij	Wm. Bull, Esq.
Thomæ Aquinatis Summa	ex Dono plurium.
Saunders, of the Supper of the Lord	——
Kellison's Survey of Religion	——
A Reckoning with Mr. Tho: Morton	——
Stapleton's Returne of Vntruths	——
Aquæpontani Concertatio Ecclesiæ Catholicæ ..	——
Harding's Reply to Iewell	——
Harding's Confutation of the Apology for the church of England	——
A Reply to a Libell of Parsons	——
An Answere to Parsons his warne-word ..	——
An Answere to the treatise of the abstract ..	——
Bristowe's Reply to Fulke	——
A Catholike Divine's Answere to Sr Ed. Coke's Reports	——
Dorman's Disproofe of Mr. Nowell	——
Alexandri Gill Logonomia Anglica	——
The copy of Discourses extorted from Diverse ..	——
Mr. Perkins, his reproofe of Dr. Abbot's defence	——
T.F., his defence of the Catholicke cause. A Defence of English Catholikes	——
Harding's Answere to Iewell's Challenge ..	——
Relatio Turbarum Iesuitarum Rothomagi ..	——

TITLE.	BENEFACTOR.
T. Higgins against Dr. Field. A Reply to John Rastell	——
Sanders de Schismate Anglic :	
A Dialogue betwine a secular Prist and a lay Gentleman	——
An Answere of a Letter to a Iesuited Gentleman, by A.C.	——
An Answere of a Secular Prist to a Letter of G. Blackwell	——
Bell's tryall, examined by B.C.	——
Rastell's 3 Bookes against Iewell	——
Stanislaus Hossius, his treatise on the Word of God	——
Andreas Philopater de Elisabetha Angliæ Regina	——
A Defence of the English Hierarchy.	——
Hoc est corpus meum	——
Dolman of the Succession of the Crowne of England	——
The Rocke of the church by Sanders	——
N.D., his warnword to Sr Francis Hastings watchword	——
H. Ely, his notes vpon an Apology set out by the Priests	——
Radford's Directory to the Truth	——
The Life of Mathew, Archbishope of Canterbury	——
Dr. Watson's Sermons before the Queene ..	——
S.R., his Answere to Bell's challenge	——
T.W., his Relation of Six English Catholike Martyrs ..	——
S'nti Augustini Opera Omnia. Vol.	Mr. John Gould.
Iacobi Augusti Thuani Historia. Vol. ..	Mr. Ioseph Pit.
A parchment Booke	Mr. Iohn Gould.
A Bible in Dutch. foll.	Mr. Fred: Schler.*
Baronij Annales Eccles., VI. Vol:	Ms. Gould, widow.

"xi° Octobris 1632 all the bookes abouesaid were viewed and called over by Mr. Bailiff Long and William Derby with Mr. Nathaniell Cooke, and delivered over to the said Mr. Cooke to bee kept and seene vnto. Only the Conference at Hampton Court is found to be missing. Jn° Long, Will: Derbie, Nathanaell Cooke."

1640-1, March 24. "It is agreed that Mr. Forward, now Vsher of the Free Schoole, shall haue the care and custody of the Library, and keep the key of the roome, and to be responsible for the bookes there in the custody of him, and suffer no clothes to be hung in the roome, and he shall haue

* Frederick Schloer made his declarations, on being licensed to preach in his Diocese by the Bishop of Bristol, 18th January, 1629-30. (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, p. 191.) He was sent to officiate at Langton Long Blandford, 18th June, 1650. (*Minute Books of Dorset Standing Committee*, p. 572).

20*s*. for his paines therein, which shall be by addicion of 20*s*. vnto the 40*s*. for teaching the children their catechisme, and his quarter to begin at our Lady day, and the Steward of the Towne to provide 4 sacks of cole yearely, yf soe many be needed, to aire the roome and books." C. 9.

1663, May 13. "It is desired by Mr. Maior and the Company that Mr. Wm. Wade (a member of the said Company) doe goe downe to the Schoolehouse and take a Cattilogue off all the bookes that are in the Liberary belonging to the said Schoole, and that Mr. Stephens doe signe one Cattelogue and Mr. Wade another, and farther to inquier what bookes haue ben lent ether per Mr. Steuens or his predicessors." C. 15.

Trinity School.

Masters.

Aquila Purchis	..	..	1625-1632.
Christopher Gould	..	..	1632-1668.
Gabriel Gould	..	..	1668-1693.
John Gould	..	..	1693-1739.
Daniel Glisson	..	..	1739-1749.
Harry Pouncey	..	..	1749-1777.
Bernard Mason	..	..	1777-1784.
Benjamin Tullidge	..	..	1784-1793.
William Zillwood	..	..	1793-1835.
William Bryer	..	..	1835-1869.

This was situated in the Churchyard of Holy Trinity, and was established about the year 1623, as subordinate to the Free School. The first master whose name is mentioned was Aquila Purchis, 1625, to whom succeeded Christopher Gould.

1631, Oct. 19. Ordered "that Nycholas Stone shall have eighteene pounds payd him by the Towne Steward which came from Mr. Gilbert Loader, and was given by Mrs. Jone Gould, widow, to the schole lately erected in Trynitie parish, the Steward to take bond of him to repaye the same 18*li*. againe at 6 months to the same Towne Steward." C. 9.

1632, Oct. 24. Receipt to Gilbert Loder, executor, for 100 marks, legacy of Johan Gould, widow, to the Corporation for charitable uses, and £28 . 6 . 8, "for the benefitt of the New Schoole in the Parish of Trinity in Dorchester aforesaid, for the better teaching of poore children within the Borough

aforesaid, and towards the maynetenance of a Schoolemaster there." C. 9.

1632-3, March 13. "Christopher Gould is chosen Schoolemaster of the English Schoole in Trinity parish for the whole Towne, there to continue untill either Mr. Maior and Company shall hold him vnfitt, or he himselfe shall find himselfe insufficient, and in either of those cases, he is to leave the place on 6 monethes warning." C. 9. His name occurs in many subsequent entries, and he remained Master until his death in 1668.

1708-9, Feb. 24. Account of what children John Gould, Master of the Trinity School, has in his teaching on account of Sir Nathaniel Nappier; also on account of Dennis Bond, Esq., Recorder of Dorchester.

1784, Sept. 22. Appointment by the Corporation of Benjamin Tullidge, of Dorchester, to be Master of the Trinity School for preparing boys for the Free School, and to instruct, gratis, in reading, writing and arithmetic, six boys placed with him by the Trustees. C. 27.

1784, Sept. 25. It is agreed to allow Ann Fisher Gould, spinster, to continue to occupy the Trinity School dwelling house for her life, having lived there a great many years already, and the Trustees, in consideration thereof, will allow Benjamin Tullidge £5 per ann., for that period. C. 27.

1793, Feb. 19. Mr. William Zillwood appointed Master of the School in Trinity Church Yard, in place of Tullidge, deceased. C. 42*a*.

1835, Aug. 31. Mr. William Bryer appointed, in place of Zillwood, deceased. C. 42*a*.

1802, April 12. Agreed Richard Palmer be allowed the sum of ten pounds towards the new building two Dwellings on the scite of the ffront of the present ruinous Messuage* of Napier's Charity at Melbury Osmond, which he undertakes to do, which said sum of ten pounds is to be paid the said Richard Palmer at Midsummer next. C. 42*a*.

1809, Jan. 9. Agreed that Mr. Zillwood, Schoolmaster, be in future paid two Guineas a year for the Instruction and Education of the Boys on Napper's Charity, and that the Boys and girls be cloathed annually. C. 42*a*.

* This was a tenement given by Mrs. Ann Napier, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, 1st and 2nd March, 1715, in trust for employing a Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, to teach six poor children. See Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii., p. 369.

1835, Oct. 19. Mrs. Sarah Lake is appointed Mistress of the poor Girls to be educated under Napier's Charity in the room of Mrs. Coombs who has resigned. C. 42*a*.

1879. Aug. 14. By order in Council the Endowments of this School were merged in those of the Grammar or Free School.

THE SEWARD CHANTRY IN THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, AND THE FRATERNITY OF ST. MARY IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Letters Patent of Henry IV., granting licence in mortmain to Robert Bell, Clerk, John Govitz and Robert Veel, for 20 *marks, to give* 5 *messuages and* 11 *acres of land in Dorchester, held in burgage, to John Dudill and John Blunt, Bailiffs of Dorchester, and their successors, to find a Chaplain to celebrate Divine Service for Elizabeth, late wife of John Syward, senior, and for John Syward, junior, and Johanne his wife, and for the said John Syward, senior, and Katherine, formerly his wife, and for Roger Syward, father of the said John Syward, senior, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Dorchester.*—4 March, 2 Henry IV. (1401). A. 5.

Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie, Omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Licet de communi consilio regni nostri Anglie statutum sit quod non liceat viris religiosis seu aliis ingredi feodum alicuius, Ita quod ad manum mortuam deueniat sine licencia nostra et Capitalis domini de quo res illa immediate tenetur : de gracia tamen nostra speciali et pro quadraginta marcis quas Robertus Bell clericus Johannes Govitz et Robertus Veel nobis soluerunt in hanaperio nostro concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est eisdem Roberto Johanni et Roberto quod ipsi quinque mesuagia et vndecim acras terre cum pertinenciis in Dorchestre que de nobis tenentur in burgagio dare possint et assignare Johanni Dudill et Johanni Blount Balliuis ville de Dorchestre Habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis Balliuis ville predicte ad inueniendum quendam Capellanum divina pro salubri statu Elizabethe que fuit vxor Johannis Syward senioris et Johannis Syward Junioris et Johanne vxoris eius dum vixerint et animabus suis cum ab hac luce migrauerint necnon animabus predicti Johannis Syward senioris et Katerine quondam vxoris sue et Rogeri Syward patris eiusdem Johannis Syward senioris et animabus omnium

fidelium defunctorum iuxta ordinacionem ipsorum Roberti Johannis Govitz et Roberti in hac parte faciendam in ecclesia Sancte Trinitatis de Dorchestre celebraturum imperpetuum. Et eisdem Balliuis quod ipsi mesuagia et terram predicta cum pertinenciis a prefatis Roberto Johanne Govitz et Roberto recipere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis predictis imperpetuum sicut predictum est tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus specialem, Statuto predicto seu eo quod predicta mesuagia et terra de nobis teneantur in burgagio vt predictum est non obstante. Nolentes quod predicti Robertus Johannes Govitz et Robertus vel heredes sui aut prefati Balliui seu eorum successores racione statuti predicti per nos vel heredes nostros Justiciarios Escaetores Vicecomites aut alios Balliuos seu ministros vel heredum nostrorum quoscumque impetantur inquietentur molestentur in aliquo seu grauentur. Saluis tamen nobis ac aliis Capitalibus dominis feodi illius seruiciis inde debitis et consuetis. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium quarto die Marcij Anno regni nostri secundo. [1401.]—SHELFORD.

Broad seal of green wax, imperfect, suspended by violet and white plaited silk cords.

Endorsed, "The dedys of Seuward's Chantere."

"The towne charter for ther Lands holden."

Space left for illuminated initial letter of "Henricus."

Grant by the Wardens of the Fraternity of St. Mary in St. Peter's Church, of two Burgages in South Street, Dorchester, to John Stratford.—1 December, 18 Henry VIII (1526.) B. 5. For Abstract see p. 376.

"OMNIBUS CHRISTI FIDELIBUS ad quos hoc presens scriptum peruenerit, Johannes Wyllyams et Rogerus Howell, Custodes siue Gardiani Fraternitatis beate Marie in ecclesia Sancti Petri infra Burgum de Dorchester in Comitatu Dors' Salutem in Domino sempiternam. SCIATIS nos prefatos Johannem et Rogerum vnanimi assensu et consensu omnium confratrum et consororum dicte fraternitatis ac pro quadam pecunie summa nobis per Johannem Stratfforde de Dorchester predicta in Comitatu predicto Goldesmythe ad vsum predicte Fraternitatis pre manibus soluta dedisse concessisse et hoc presenti Scripto nostro confirmasse prefato Johanni Stratfforde duo Burgagia nostra in Burgo de Dorchester predicta Situata

in parochia Sancti Petri in Alto Australi Vico eiusdem Burgi in Occidentali parte eiusdem Vici, quorum vuum iacet inter Burgagium predicti Johannis Stratfforde ex parte boriali et Burgagium Prioris seu Capellani Capelle Sancti Johannis Baptiste in Dorchester predicta ex parte Australi, alterum vero Burgagium iacet inter dictum Burgagium predicti Prioris seu Capellani ex parte Boriali et Burgagium ballivorum in Dorchester predicta ex parte Australi. HABENDUM ET TENENDUM predicta duo Burgagia cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Stratfforde heredibus et Assignatis suis ad vsum ipsius Johannis Stratfforde heredibus et Assignatis suis imperpetuum DE CAPITALIBUS dominis feodi illius per Redditus et seruicia inde prius debita et de iure consueta. NOVERITIS insuper nos prefatos Johannem Wyllyams et Rogerum Howell Attornesse Constituisse et in loco nostro posuisse dilectos nobis in Christo Willielmum Stone Juniorem et Johannem Barree nostros veros et legittimos Attornatos coniunctim et diuisim ad intrandum pro nobis vice et nominibus nostris in predictis duobus Burgagijs cum suis pertinenciis et possessionem et seisinam inde prefato Johanni Stratfforde ad deliberandum secundum vim formam et effectum huius presentis Scripti nostri. Ratum et gratum habentes et habituri totum ac quicquid dicti Attornati nostri fecerint seu alter eorum fecerit in premissis. IN CUIUS rei testimonium nos prefati Johannes Wyllyams et Rogerus Howell huic presenti Scripto nostro Sigilla nostra apposuimus. Et pro maiore fide premissis adhibenda Sigillum quoque Commune Burgi predicti huic presenti Scripto nostro similiter apponi procurauimus, Hijs testibus, Laurencio Balner et Edwardo Welys, Balliuis Burgi predicti, Reginaldo Rawleyn et Roberto Jamys, Constabulariis eiusdem Burgi, Willielmo Stone, seniore, Nicholao Perham, Johanne Aden, Willielmo Palmer, Johanne Jamys, Roberto Wyllyams, Ricardo Howell, Johanne Haywarde, Johanne Samwys, Ricardo Perham et alijs. Datum primo die Decembris Anno regni Regis Henrici viij^{ui} xviij^{o}." [1526].

Three seals, those of the Wardens are gone, that of the Town, slightly injured, remains. The latter bears the castle triple towered, with the arms of France and England quarterly before the gate. Legend—SIGILL . . . LLIVORVM DORCESTRE.

Endorsed "Gardiani Fratern: b'te Marie their Graunt to John Stratford 18 H: 8."

Letters Patent of Edward VI., by which, for the sum of £149 11s. 8d., the King grants to the Burgesses of Dorchester lands and burgages belonging to the Chantry of St. Mary, founded in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Dorchester, lately dissolved (including the New Inn), and 22 Messuages and three Gardens belonging to the Fraternity of St. Mary, Dorchester, lately dissolved.—1 August, 2 Edward VI. A. 18.

EDWARDUS SEXTUS DEI GRACIA ANGLIE Francie et Hibernie Rex fidei defensor et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice supremum caput OMNIBUS ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. SCIATIS quod nos pro summa Centum Quadraginta nouem librarum vndecem solidorum et octo denariorum legalis monete Anglie ad manus Thesaurarij Curie nostre Augmentacionum et Reuencionum Corone nostre ad vsum nostrum per Dilectos nobis Burgenses Burgi de Dorchester in Comitatu Dorsetie bene et fideliter soluta vnde fatemur nos plenarie fore contentos et solutos dictosque Burgenses et Successores suos inde acquietatos et exoneratos esse per presentes de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris ac de aduisamento precharissimi Avunculi et Consiliarij nostri Edwardi Ducis Somersetie persone nostre Gubernatoris ac regnorum dominiorum subditorumque nostrorum Protectoris ac aliorum Consiliariorum nostrorum dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus predictis Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester predicti totum illud mesuagium tenementum et Burgagium nostrum cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in tenura et occupacione Johannis Barrye alias dicti Johannis Fletcher scituatum et existens in Dorchester in predicto Comitatu nostro Dorsetie nuper Cantarie beate Marie fundate infra ecclesiam Sancte Trinitatis de Dorchester predicta modo dissolute dudum spectans et pertinens ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existencium ac totum illud mesuagium tenementum et Burgagium nostrum cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in tenura et occupacione Johannis Feriate vel assignatorum suorum scituatum et existens in Dorchester predicta dicte nuper Cantarie dudum spectans et pertinens ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existencium Necnon totum illud mesuagium tenementum et hospicium nostrum vocatum *le Newe Inne* ac vnam Cameram siue mansionem nuper Cantariste dicte nuper Cantarie ac vndecem acras terre nostras cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in tenura et occupacione Agnetis Morris vidue vel assignatorum suorum situata et existentia in Dorchester predicta dicte

nuper Cantarie dudum spectantia et pertinentia ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existencium Aceciam totum illud mesuagium tenementum et Burgagium nostrum cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in tenura et occupacione Ricardi Predye vel assignatorum suorum scituatum et existens in Dorchester predicta dicte nuper Cantarie dudum spectans et pertinens ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existencium. Aceciam totum illud mesuagium tenementum et Burgagium nostrum ac vnam shopam nostram cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in tenura et occupacione Ricardi Waglond vel assignatorum suorum situata et existencia in Dorchester predicta dicte nuper Cantarie dudum spectancia et pertinencia ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existencium. Necnon totum illud clausum pasture nostrum cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in tenura et occupacione Rogeri Andrewe vel assignatorum suorum jacens et existens in Dorchester predicta dicte nuper Cantarie dudum spectans et pertinens ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existencium. Aceciam omnia illa viginti et duo mesuagia tenementa Burgagia et tria gardina nostra cum pertinenciis nuper fraternitati beate Marie de Dorchester in predicto Comitatu Dorsetie modo dissolute dudum spectancia et pertinencia ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existencium situata iacencia et existencia in Dorchester in predicto Comitatu Dorsetie. Necnon omnia et omnimoda alia mesuagia domos edificia ortos pomeria gardina terras commoditates proficua emolumenta et hereditamenta nostra quecumque cum suis pertinenciis vniuersis in Dorchester predicta aut alibi vbicumque dicte nuper Cantarie et fraternitati seu eorum alteri dudum spectancia et pertinencia aut vt parcellam terrarum tenementorum possessionum seu hereditamentorum earumdem nuper Cantarie et fraternitatis seu earum alterius ante hac habita cognita accepta vsitata seu reputata existencia. Ac reuerciones quascumque omnium et singulorum premissorum et cuiuslibet inde parcelle ac redditus et annualia proficua quecumque reservata super quibuscumque dimiss' et concess' de premissis seu de aliqua inde parcella quoquomodo facta adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout aliquis Cantarista siue incumbens predicte nuper Cantarie aut aliquis magister siue custos aut aliqui magistri siue custodes predicte nuper fraternitatis aut aliquis alius siue aliqui alii premissa aut aliquam inde percellam ante hac habens possidens aut seisitus inde existens habentes possidentes aut seisiti inde existentes

predicta mesuagia tenementa Burgagia terras gardina et cetera premissa vel aliquam inde parcellam cum suis pertinenciis unquam habuerunt tenuerunt vel gauisi fuerunt habuit tenuit vel gauisus fuit seu habere tenere vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit et adeo plene libere et integre et in tam amplis modo et forma prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras racione vel pretextu cuiusdam actus de diuersis Cantariis fraternitatibus gildis et Collegiis dissoluendis in parliamento nostro tento apud Westmonasterium Anno regni nostri primo inter alia editi et prouisi seu quocumque alio modo iure seu titulo deuenerunt seu deuenire debuerunt ac in manibus nostris iam existunt aut existere debent vel deberent. QUE QUIDEM mesuagia terras tenementa Burgagia gardina et cetera premissa in Dorchester predicta que dicte nuper Cantarie vt prefertur spectabant et pertinebant existencia in diuersis parcellis quamlibet earumdem parcellarum non excedentem quatuor libras per Annum modo in toto extenduntur ad clarum annuum valorem sex librarum septem solidorum et trium denariorum. Et que quidem mesuagia tenementa Burgagia gardina et cetera premissa in Dorchester predicta que nuper fraternitati vt prefertur spectabant et pertinebunt existencia in diuersis parcellis quamlibet earumdem parcellarum non excedentem quatuor libras per annum modo in toto extenduntur ad clarum annuum valorem octo librarum septem solidorum et duorum denariorum exceptis tamen semper ac nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris extra presentem concessionem omnino reseruatis omnibus companis ac toto plumbo nostris in et super dicta nuper Cantaria et fraternitate existentibus siue remanentibus. Exceptis eciam ac nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris omnino reseruatis omnibus illis duobus mesuagiis Burgagiis seu tenementis in Dorchester predicta modo vel nuper in tenura seu occupacione Johannis Churchell alias dicti Johannis Churchehill dicte nuper fraternitati dudum spectantibus et pertinentibus ac parcella possessionum inde nuper existentibus. HABENDA tenenda et gaudenda omnia predicta mesuagia tenementa Burgagia gardina terras redditus reuerciones et seruicia ac omnia et singula cetera premissa cum pertinenciis suis vniuersis prefatis Burgensibus Burgi de Dorchester predicta et successoribus suis imperpetuum ad proprium opus et vsum ipsorum Burgensium et successorum suorum imperpetuum. TENENDA de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in libero burgagio dicti burgi de Dorchester et non in capite pro omnibus seruiciis

et demandis quibuscumque. ET VLTERIUS de ampliori gracia nostra dedimus et concessimus ac de aduisamento predicto per presentes damus et concedimus eisdem Burgensibus omnia exitus redditus reuerciones et proficua predictorum mesuagiorum cotagiorum terrarum tenementorum et ceterorum omnium et singulorum premissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum cum pertinenciis a festo Pasche vltimo preterito hucusque proueniencia siue crescencia. HABENDA eisdem Burgensibus ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddendo soluendo vel faciendo. ET INSUPER de vberiori gracia nostra volumus ac pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis Burgensibus et successoribus suis quod nos heredes et successores nostri imperpetuum annuatim et de tempore in tempus exonerabimus acquietabimus et indempnes conseruabimus tam dictos Burgenses et Successores suos quam predicta mesuagia cotagia gardina terras tenementa et cetera omnia et singula premissa et quamlibet inde parcellam versus nos heredes et successores nostros et versus quascumque alias personas et quamcumque aliam personam de omnibus et omnimodis corrodiis feodis annuitatibus pencionibus porcionibus denariorum summis ac oneribus quibuscumque de premissis aut de eorum aliquo vel de aliqua inde parcella exeuntibus seu soluendis vel superinde oneratis seu onerandis preterquam de seruiciis superius per presentes reseruatis Ac preterquam de dimissis et concessis pro termino vite vel annorum de premissis seu de aliqua inde parcella ante hac factis super quibus antiquus redditus vel plus reseruatur. Ac de quibuscumque conuencionibus in huiusmodi dimissis et concessis existentibus. Ac preterquam de quodam annuali redditu quindecim denariorum annuatim exeunte de dictis terris et tenementis dicte nuper Cantarie ac Burgensibus Burgi predicti annuatim soluendo. ET preterquam de sex solidis et sex denariis de predicits Burgagiis et ceteris premissis dicte nuper fraternitati ac Balliuis Burgi de Dorchester predicta pro tempore existentibus soluendis. VOLENTES enim et per presentes firmiter iniungendo precipientes tam Cancellario ac generalibus superuisoribus ac Consilio nostro Curie nostre Augmentacionum et Reuencionum Corone nostre quam omnibus receptoribus auditoribus et aliis officiariis et ministris nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscumque pro tempore existentibus quod ipsi et eorum quilibet super

solam demonstracionem harum litterarum nostrarum patencium vel Irrotulamentum earumdem absque aliquo alio breui seu warranto nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo impetrando seu prosequendo plenam integram debitamque allocacionem et exoneracionem manifestam de omnibus et omnimodis huiusmodi corrodiis redditibus feodis annuitatibus pencionibus porcionibus et denariorum summis ac oneribus quibuscumque de premissis ut prefertur exeuntibus seu soluendis vel superinde oneratis seu onerandis Exceptis preexceptis prefatis Burgensibus et successoribus facient et de tempore in tempus fieri causabunt. ET HEC littere patentes vel Irrotulamentum earumdem erunt et de tempore in tempus tam dictis Cancellario et generalibus superuisoribus ac Consilio nostro dicte Curie nostre augmentacionum et reuencionum Corone nostre quam omnibus receptoribus Auditoribus Balliuis et aliis officiariis et ministris nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscumque pro tempore existentibus sufficiens warrantum et exoneracio in hac parte VOLENTES enim et per presentes concedimus prefatis Burgensibus quod habeant et habebunt has litteras nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo factas et sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno vel paruo nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad vsum nostrum proinde quoquo modo reddendo soluendo vel faciendo. EO QUOD EXPRESSA mencio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum vel eorum alicuius aut de aliis donis siue concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum prefatis Burgensibus ante hec tempora factis in presentibus minime facta existit, Aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione prouisione sive restriccione inde incontrarium facto edito ordinato seu prouiso, Aut aliqua alia causa vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante. IN CUIUS rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. TESTE me ipso apud Lighes primo die Augusti anno regni nostri secundo.—B. GODSALUE.

Per breue de priuato sigillo et de data predicta auctoritate parliamenti.

Fragment of broad seal of brown wax, suspended by plaited cords of green and white silk.

"Irro'ur in officio Henrici Leke audit' in Com' Dorset' xj° die Aprilis anno rr's nunc Edwardi vj*ti*."

A. 18*a* is the Acquittance of the purchase money, £149 11s. 8d., from Sir John Williams, Knt., Treasurer of the Court of Augmentations, 17th May, 2 Edward VI.

The Rectory of Holy Trinity with St. Peter's.

*John White.**

John White, M.A., and Fellow of New College, Oxford, one of the Assembly of Divines, 1643, the leading spirit in Dorchester in the first half of the seventeenth century (1605—1648), has not left so many traces of his personality in the Town Books as might have been expected. It is clear from them, however, that he was held in high esteem by the municipal authorities of his day, and the draping of the church porch in black, for one month after his decease, as his "month's mind," by order of the Corporation, is an interesting indication of this fact. On the other hand, there are signs of an undercurrent of dissatisfaction at the prevailing Puritan *regime*. The quotations which follow give examples of both of these currents of opinion.

1630, Sept. 15. "John Role, vpon oath testifieth that Anne Samwayes, vid', did speak vnseemly words of Mr. White, viz., that he did starve the Cuntry, and did ioyne with the divell for mony, and would be a merchant and fearmer for his profitt, and did send provision to New England in a color to convey to Spayne, and many other vnseemly words for a quarter of an howre space." C. 8.

1630, Feb. 8. "The examinacion of Robert Adin, prisoner, vpon oathe, who saith that Phillip Nychols of this Borough, taylor, coming to the prison yesterday towards the evening, offered speeche to this examinant concerning Mr. John White's preaching the day before, and said that White (for so he called him) had made Crist an inocent and simple man in his sermon, and said that he thought Crist was never so handled in a sermon before, and found himselfe greived that Crist should be said to be simple, and this examinant seemed not to approve the said opinion of Nycols' dislike of saying Crist was a simple man, vnles ther had bene some other addicion thervnto, and because this examinant would not consent vnto him and approve his iudgment in that pointe, he, the said Nychols, rayled at this examinant, calling him 'Old Papist' and doons (?), with other reproachfull speeches, complayning that Mr. White preached not sound doctrine in that point."

* Baptised at Stanton St. John, co. Oxon, 6 January, 1575; B.A., 1597; M.A., 1600-1; Vicar of Fering, 1605; Minister of the Savoy, and Rector of Lambeth. (Foster's *Alumni Oxon.*)

Francis Welsted, prisoner, "who sayth that yesterday, in the afternoone, he herd Mr. Robert Adin and Phillip Nychols of this Towne, taylor, in conference about Mr. White's Preaching the day before, and sayth that Phillip Nychols tooke excepcions to some speeches Mr. White then vsed, and shewed himself greyved that he had sayd Crist was a simple man in his sermon, saying to this examinant, 'Sirha, I would thou hadst bene at church yesterday, thou shouldest have herd Crist made a very inocent,' and this examinant asked him 'By whome,' and he awnswered, 'By White' (for so he termed him), and sayd further that God Almighty was neuer so handled before, and this examinant asked him yf Mr. White called him 'foole' or 'begger boy,' and he annswered 'No, but as bad,' and sayd that he had looked in his booke, and found Kelleson had confuted that doctrine." [*See* Kellison's *Survey of Religion* in the Dorchester Library.]

Thomas Devenish, Keper of the Gaole, "who saith that meeting Phillip Nychols yesterday in the afternoone, going vp the street this examinant asked him yf he had bene with Mr. Adin againe to make him beleue he would be of theire or that Religion, whoe awnswered he had bene there, and that the Old Semenary and he weare fallen out, and he would come there no more, and shewed this examinant that he had told Mr. Aden what straunge doctrine Mr. White had preached the day before in his opinion, viz., that Crist was made a simple inocent, holding vp his hands and shaking his head, and sayd that the Old Semenary did seeme to approve of what Mr. White had said, which was the cause he would come no more at him."

Phillip Nychols "sayth that he herd Mr. White preach the last Lord's day in the afternoone, and being at the Prison yesterday in the afternoone, told Mr. Adin of some passages of that Sermon, and asked the said Aden yf euer he herd that God was simple, and the said Aden approved that to be true that yt might be so said; and denieth that he vsed any ill Language at all to Mr. Aden, nor vsed him with any disgracefull termes, and denieth also that he vsed any words to that purpose to Mr. Devenish that Mr. Aden and himself were fallen out."

Nychols was committed, and the next day released on his own recognisance (£10) and that of James Gould, clothyer, and John Greene, tayler (£5 each) to appear at the next Sessions,

"to annswer his abuse toward Mr. Jo. White, traducing his doctrine." C. 8.

1636, March 26. Thomasyn, wife of Thomas Powncy "saith that a little before Easter last Roberte Powncy, sonne of Roger Powncy of the Borough aforesaid, being in his father's howse in the same Borough, and there being some speeches vsed that the said Roberte Powncy was to goe to Mr. White, the minister, to be examined before he came to the Sacrament, he, the said Roberte Powncy, said he would not go to the said Mr. White, he would see his . . . . on fire in or at the pulpit first." C. 8.

1637, Oct. 6. "John Bonger about the xx^th^ of Sep. last past did in presence of Mr. Edmund Dashwood say that Trinity parish had had a stock of 800*li.* ere this to mayntaine their poore, but that Mr. Maior and Mr. White did send for it euery Monday morning, after the Sacrament, to the Churchwardens, for the mony given at the bason, and what became of it he knew not, and desired to suffer in the cause. There were also parte, and a witnes Christofer, clockmaker." C. 8.

*John Strickland.**

1631, Dec. 23. "It is agreed by Mr. Maior and the rest of the Capitall Burgesses with the consent and approbacion of Mr. John White, our minister, that Mr. John Strickland shall be chosen an assistant in the ministry vnto Mr. White heere in Dorchester, to receive for the exercise of the ministry amongest vs vnder Mr. White fifty pounds yearely, payable out of the Seaton Parsonage, as long as Mr. White shall approve of him, and the said Mr. Strickland exercise his ministry vnder the said Mr. White in Dorchester aforesaid, which stipend shall be vnto him paid by the Steward for the tyme being of the said Parsonage." C. 9.

1632-3, Jan. 28. Mr. Strickland, minister of God's Word, being called to a parsonage in Somersetshire by Sir John Horner, Knt., the Mayor and Cap. Burgesses relinquish their interest in him, "that hee may with the more quietnes of mynd attend his charge in his Parsonage in Somersetshire." C. 9.

* Instituted 21st December, 1632, to Puddimore Milton, on presentation of Sir John Horner, Knt. He was B.D., Queen's College, Oxford, and one of the Assembly of Divines, etc. Buried at St. Edmund's, Salisbury, of which he had been Rector, 25th October, 1670.

*Roger Derby.**

1632. Apr. 4. "It is ordered that in respect Mr. Roger Derby, whoe hath supplied the place of a Reader and Lecturer vnder Mr. White by the space of halfe a yeare last past and vpwards, shall receive for the same from the Steward of Seaton parsonage out of the profitts thereof xij*li.* x*s.*, and of Beniamyn Devenish out of the x^thes^ of the profitt of the Brewhouse l*s.*, which 50*s.* is to be deducted againe out of the x^thes^ of the same profitts at Michaellmas next, which somes in the whole are xv*li.*" C. 9.

Thomas Hill.†

1632-3, Feb. 18. "To Mr. Hill, Minister. Sir, The assurance which wee have by the credible reporte of such as know you well of your abilityes every way for the calling of the ministery makes vs bold, (although vnknowne vnto you), to present you our desire of enioying your labors amongst vs. Wee have in this Towne vnder Mr. White's charge two congregations, each of them conteyning at least a thousand soules, and two churches each of them capable of the people belonging vnto them, but neither sufficient for both assemblyes, which enforceth both our selves and Mr. White to crave the assistance of an other minister to ioyne with him in his ymploymt, and the rather to desire a man of more then ordinery abilityes, because wee find Mr. White, by reason of his yeares, and infirmityes which hathe lately fallen vpon him, not soe well able to continue the paynes which hee hath formerly taken amongst vs, as hearetofore. Wee doe therefore, in the behalfe of the people whome it concernes, and by their desire, earnestly request you to accept of the charge of one of these churches and congregations. Wee doe by these promise you one hundred pounds per annu' for your certen stipend (which wee will bee ready to assure you farther by any other reasonable way, during the tyme of your residence amongst vs) and withall to provide that you may have the due respect amongst vs that becomes your owne worth and

* Clearly the Roger Derby, M.A., New Inn Hall, Oxford, 1630, ordained Deacon and Priest by the Bishop of Bristol, 5 June, 1631. Had half-year's grant, to 29th September, 1649, as minister of Somerton, from Dean and Chapter lands. (Shaw, *The Church under the Commonwealth*, Vol. ii, p. 540.)

† He is probably the Thomas Hill, Scholar, Fellow and Tutor of Emmanuel College, Cambridge; B.A., 1622-3; M.A., 1626; B.D., 1633; D.D., 1646; Master of Trinity College, 1645; one of the Assembly of Divines, etc. Died 1654.

a Minister of Christ. Sir, wee agayne earnestly request you accept of this tender made vnto you in the sincerity of our heartes, and to give vs your resolucion with as much speede as may bee, because of our present necessity. Wee comend the successe vnto the wisedome and providence of him that orders our hearts and wayes, to whome alsoe wee commend yourselfe and your Labors, restinge

Your Loving freinds.

Dorchester, Febr. 18th, 1632.

This l're was signed by the maior part of the Companye." C. 9.

1632-3, March 1. To Mr. Thomas Hill of Cambridge. "Worthy Sir, We haue received in your l'res by Mr. Tutchin a negative answeare to our request of vndertaking the charge of a Congregation amongest vs, which bicause we conceive to be grownded on our desire of a present resolution, we are moved to hope that, yf we had graunted you long time of deliberation, we may haue received an answeare, corespondent to our hopes. Wherevpon, and withall hoping of noe disaffection of your owne heart to this place and imployment detaines you from vs, and conceiving a greate likelihood of removing that impediment which now witholds you, we are resolved vpon advise with one consent to inlarge the tyme of expecting your finall answeare vnto our motion, vntill you may see farther into the want of your present affaires. We haue therefore purposely sent over this bearer to request the motion, which we haue made vnto you, once more into your serious consideracion, and that you will be pleased to assure us by your promise to accept our offer, yf you faile in the suite in which you are now ingaged: and lymitt vs the tyme of our expectance till the end of Midsomer term next: wee shall willingly beare the inconvenience of waiting soe long for a person whome we soe much desire. How convenient it may be in it selfe or to your affaires to afford vs your presence in the meane tyme wee know not: but yf your selfe and your freinds should judge it fitt, we should receive it as a speciall token of your love yf you would voutchsaffe to come and visite vs, and abide with vs for what tyme you pleased. We referre it to your wise consideracion, and desire you, as wee endeavor to doe our selves, to recomend this place and the weighty affaire to God in your prayers, to whose gracious blessing we comend you, resting, Your very loving freinds, Edmund Dashwood, Maior, Will. Whiteway, sen.,

W. Whiteway, iun., Richard Blachford, John Perkins, William Jolyff, Denis Bond, B. Toup, John Hill, James Gould, Will: Derby, Richard Savage, Richard Bury." C. 9.

*Jonathan Lawrence.**

1633, April 19. "It is agreed that whereas Mr. Jonathan Lawrence, minister of God's Word, hath by the space of neere halfe a yeare exercised his ministry amongest vs in assistance of Mr. John White, our Pastor, It is ordered that Mr. Hill, Steward of Seaton Parsonage, out of the profitts of the same parsonage shall pay him tenne pownds for his paines." C. 9.

Stephen Webb.†

1633, July 17. "Sir, it is perhaps not vnknowne vnto you that we haue with vs at present the place of an Assistant vnto Mr. White, our minister, voide, and thereby greate want of a minister to supply it,—Mr. White having two churches vnder his charge, either of them capeable of the congregation which belong vnto them, but neither of them able to receive the whole multitude. The report which wee haue heard of your abilities for such a place, and of your leisure at present to vndertake it, haue moved vs soe farre that yf wee had not formerly ben engaged to another man wee had, ere this, manifested vnto them our desires to intreate your helpe and assistance heere, yf God shall soe incline your heart. It hath now pleased God, by disposing otherwise of that person on whome wee depended, to leaue vs at liberty to make our request anew. Wherefore, having found Mr. White's free concurrence with vs in this desire, wee haue sent over vnto you these by the hands of this bearer to request you (yf you stand free from other ingagements), to take the paines to come vnto vs with as much speed as you may, to conferre with vs about this affaire, that (yf God shall soe dispose of our heartes on both sides) wee may agree vpon condicions for your setling in this place, wherein, yf it please you to gratifie vs, wee shall haue cause further to engage

* Jonathan Lawrence, B.A. Exeter College, Oxford, 1622-3, was Rector of Haslebury Bryan and Upway, 1648. See *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Voi. i, p. 146.

† Stephen Webb was B.A., Pembroke College, Oxford, 28 January, 1633-4. Under the name of Stephen Evered, *alias* Webb, he was nominated to the cure of Basingstoke with all the chapels thereto annexed, void by the death of Ambrose Webb, 22 September, 1648. (*Lords' Journals*, Vol. x, p. 507.)

ourselves to remayne, Your verie loving friends, Ed. Dashwood, Mayor, W. Whiteway, sen., Richard Blachford, W. Whiteway, Bailiff, W. Joliff, John Perkins, Denis Bond."

To the reuerend our very loving friend Mr. Stephen Webb, preacher of God's word at Basing Stoake. C. 9.

1633, Aug. 14. "Worthy Gentlemen, I haue hitherto very palpably found God's good hand in the disposing of me: and what his providence will doe in this particular, I shall be ready to enquire and attend the answeare. On Saturday (God willing) I shall come over, when as by word of mouth I shall thank you for your love and good opynion, soe also giue such satisfaction as I may, being subject to bee intreated to doe such work as I am in the Vineyard, and willing that the greate Master should appoynt out the place where by such honest hands that I may in comfortable measure without feare bestow my paines in a profitable and peaceable manner, desiring in the interim that you will humbly seeke God in this behalfe, that, if I come and abide with you by the will of God, it may be with ioy, he giving sentence in mercy which, yf it prove negative, yet it will be noe loss labor to refresh my spirit by seeing reuerend Mr. White, and observing your good order, which the God of truth and peace establish and further by whome he sees good, and, if he will, by him who desires to shew himselfe as faithfull to it. Soe ever, your verie loveing friend, Step. Webb.

xiiij August, 1633." C. 9.

*Hugh Thompson.**

[*Circa* 12 Nov., 1633.] "Sir, Having vnderstood by the messenger that returned from you your good affection to this place, and your hope to order your affayres in such sort that you might be at libertie to deliberate more freely then you could, when you were with vs, of the propositions wee then made vnto you for the full setling of your resolucion, we thought yt needefull to signifie vnto you once againe by wryting our heartie and earnest desire to enioy you, and the fruits of your Labours of which you have given vs so good a taste already, and that not for a time but for continuance, yf God be pleased to further our desire. Whatsoeuer therefore

* Hugh Thompson, Queen's College, Oxford, was B.A., 1626-7, and M.A., 1630. Appointed Minister at Brixton, Isle of Wight, 31st January, 1647-8, but died soon after, being succeeded there by Robert Dingley, 12th April, 1648. (Shaw, *The Church under the Commonwealth*, Vol. i, pp. 350, 354.)

we haue already offered vnto you wee resolve and promise (God assisting vs) to performe really, viz., to pay in for the present 60*li.* per annum for your setled maintenance, and that as long as you please, and yf, after tryall, you like so well of the place as to be willing to remaine among vs, we shalbe willing to enlarge yt when your occasions shall require, according to our abillytie. Wee forbeare to capitulate more particulerly at present, because wee thinke yt vnreasonable to desire you to resigne yourself ouer vnto vs wholly till you have knowen vs better. But desire you to beleeue that as wee never yet gave any minister that came vnto vs cause to complaine of our fayling in performance, but haue made good our agreements with advantage, so we shalbe much more vnwilling to come short of your expectacion, whom wee so generally and iustly approve and reverence for that which wee haue both heard and found by our owne experience. Wee doe therefore intreate you to awnswere our heartie and affectionate desires of enioying your company and labours amongst vs with the same singlenes of heart with which they are tendered, and yf God shall encline your heart towards vs, to signifie your resolucion as speedely as you may, that we may take order for all things that concerne your coming vnto vs and continuance amongst us, with all convenient speede. In the meane time we comend you and your resolucions to the wise directing hand of God, and rest, your Loving frends, William Jolyffe, Maior, Edmund Dashwood, Ri: Blachford, Jon. Parkins, William Whiteway, sen., Barnard Toup, Dennis Bond, Will'm Whitewaye, Junr., Ri: Savage.

To our worthely reverenced and respected frend, Mr. Hugh Thomson, Mr. of Arts, and fellowe of L. Collidge in Exon" [*sic*], *i.e.*, Oxon. C. 9.

1633-4, March 14. The Mayor and Burgesses agree to pay Mr. Tompson, minister, £100 per ann. quarterly (viz., £60 out of Seaton Parsonage, £5 out of Mr. Perkins's gift, £20 out of the Brewhouse which was usually paid to the Reader, and £15 more out of the profit of the Brewhouse)—the 1st payment at this rate to begin at Christide next, and in the mean time he is to have but £60 yearly. C. 9. A copy of the agreement, which states that the stipend of £100 a year is to run from the following Michaelmas, is found in C. 9, under date 6th June, 1634.

1647, Oct. 6. "It was this day agreed that there shall be 200*li.* per annum allowed out of Fordington parsonage

for the mayntenance of an Assistant minister in the two higher parishes, to ease Mr. White in his weakenes. The first quarter's payment to be made at Lady day next." C. 12.

1647, Nov. 12. "Whereas the Warden of New College* being dead, and a new Warden being to be chosen, there is greate doubt that Mr. Jo: White, our minister, is to bee chosen, and therefore to prevent it, and to farther the busines about Fordington Parsonage, that the towne send Mr. Benne and one of the Company with him, to labor in the busines." C. 12.

1647, Nov. 12. "This day it was agreed that on Monday next, at eight of the clocke in morning, this Company be desired to be all here present, and to make choice of an Assistant Minister to helpe Mr. White in his weaknesse." C. 12.

Simon Ford.†

1647-8, Jan. 7. "This day this Company vpon conference that Mr. White, our minister, having already declared Mr. Ford, minister, now of Pidletowne, to bee his assistant in the ministery in Trinity and Peter's parishes, and to which we do freely consent, we do agree to move the common Counsell and to acquaint them therewith to gett their approbation, And that his allowance shall begin from our Lady day next, by which time wee hope he may be brought hither. C. 12.

1647-8, Jan. 24. "It is agreed that the two vpper parishes be enformed tomorrow at the evening sermon of Mr. White's motion to this Company whether they approve of Mr. Ford, of Pudletowne, to be an Assistant to him in this Towne. And this being don, that a letter be written to Mr. Ford of their choosing of him." C. 12.

1648, March 31. "Mr. John White, our minister, desires a further estate in his barne at Chub's gate." C. 12.

1648, May 12. "It is ordered and agreed that Mr. White and Mr. Ben bee desired to take course that on euery Sabboth day in morning, when Mr. White shall be vnable to preach himselfe, that Mr. Ben may preach at Peter's church, where this Company are for the most part, which wee vnderstand also will giue very great satisfaction to the Towne in general." C. 12.

* Robert Pincke, Warden of New College, died 2nd November, 1647.

† Simon Ford was intruded into the cure of Puddletown in the place of James Lukin, the Vicar. He was also Lecturer at Shaftesbury, and one of the Triers. (See *Minute Books of Dorset Standing Committee*, pp. xxxix and xl.)

1648, June 23. "Upon the failing of Mr. White's quarterly payments from the parishioners of Trinity and Peter's, the same not making vp the somme of fowerscore pounds per annum, which was the summe designed for his additional mayntenance, wee thinke fitt and haue agreed that there shall be an account giuen in by the Collectors of the sayd quarterly contribucion, when they haue don their vttmost endeuours for gathering vp what is behind of Lady dayes quarter and Midsommer quarter, and what wants of fifteene pounds each of those quarters shall be made vp and supplyed by the Steward of Fordington parsonage out of the proffitts of the same, which this Company will allow vpon his account: And that the monnyes quarterly collected shall be by the sayd Collectors payed in vnto the Steward of the parsonage euery quarter, and the sayd Steward to pay vnto Mr. White the fifteene pounds aforesayd, as before expressed, within ten dayes after the quarter, and this to continue for euery quarter for the future, vntil there shall be an assistant minister brought in place." C. 12.

The Interregnum.

John White, the aged Rector of Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, died on 21st July, 1648. In his will, dated 29th May in that year, and proved 14th June, 1649 (105 Fairfax, P.C.C.) by his youngest son, Nathaniel, he mentions his four sons, and his four sisters, Anne Drake, Martha Moore, Elizabeth Allen and Mary White, and Mr. Frederick Losse, physician. The three younger sons were named John, Josias and Samuel.

1648, Apr. 28. "Mr. Samuel White, gold smith, agreed with this Company for 21 yeers in his shop (which he now inioyeth) the yeers to begin after the deth of Mr. Edward Ears, minister, who now liveth in Ireland, the Towne Rent of 30*s*. still to continue in the 21 yeers. The fine to be paid Midsommer next, viz., xx*li*." C. 12.

1648, July 24. "It was agreed and thought fitt that the Feoffees of Trinity parsonage be desired to giue power by their warrant to authorize Nathaniel White, his father's executor, to receiue and gather vp all tithes which shall fall due vntil there shall be a minister brought into the place of Mr. White deceased, the said Nathaniel White engaging himself to be responsible to the next Incumbent for all the tithes which he shall receiue after his father's death. He is to be allowed for his paynes, and allowing meanes for a minister

to supply the vacancy. And that Nathaniel White should haue the lease for his father's barne enlarged, according to a former promise made to his father." C. 12.

1648, July 24. "It is ordered by Mr. Maior and the Company that Mr. Savage, on the Companies desire to give, in their names, to Mr. White's executor five pounds, to give it to the poore in Mr. White's name."

"And that Mr. Savage doe cause the porch to be hung with black at the funerall and for one moneth after, and yf it be stolen, the Company will satisfie him for it." C. 9.

1648, Aug. 11. "This day, being a day of Humiliacion set apart to seeke vnto God for direccion for choise of a minister, in the place of Mr. John Wite, the late deceased minister, there was given and collected 4*li.* 14*s.*" C. 7.

1648, Sept. 22. "It is ordered that Mr. Ben be desired, with the assistance of some one of this Company or some other honest man of the Towne, to ride with him vnto Exeter and to treatte with Mr. Ford,* the minister now dwelling there, about being successor of our deceased minister, Mr. White. And that their charge be borne by the Towne, and that Mr. Ben be desired, in case he think fitt when he comes to Exon, to treate with Mr. Gower as well as with Mr. Ford. That after Mr. Benn's and Mr. Cole's retorne we approve of what they did act and do concerning Mr. Gower."

"Mr. Cole is desyred to ride vnto Exon to accompanie Mr. Ben and to propose vnto the mynister for his encouragment to come vnto Dorchester the Parsonage worth clerly 120*li.* per ann., and 60*li.* in lew of the Ester Booke, and to prouide him a convenient howse for the Parsonage howse which is not convenient, or that 4 suffityent men of this Towne shall engage to pay him 40*l.* euery quarter, cleer of all Taxes, and a convenient howse." C. 12.

1648, Oct. 16 [? 10]. "It is agreed that Mr. Ben be desired to ride vnto the Isle of Weight, accompanyed with [*blank*], to haue conference with Mr. Marshal, Mr. Charell, Mr. Vynes and Mr. Seaman, of the Assembly now at Newport, aboutt the Treatty touching Mr. Gower, and to know their iudgements of his abilityes and fittnes to succeede Mr. White in this Towne, and that they would please to giue a full testimony concerning him, and to know of them what likelyhood

* Thomas Ford, M.A., Magdalen Hall, Oxford, 1627, one of the Assembly of Divines, etc., buried at St. Lawrence's, Exeter, 28th December, 1676. See a lengthy narrative in Calamy's *Account*, Vol. ii, p. 207.

there is of getting him removed from the place where he is now in London."

1648-9, Jan. 26. "At the motion of Mr. Samuel White this Company doth iudge fitt that he be payd the fower pounds fourteene shillinges, which he hath layed out for the ministers which haue preached here in Towne since his father's death, and forty shillings more for the entertainment of seueral ministers in his house at several times, and that his brother Nathaniel shall be desired by Mr. Gower to pay him the somme of 6*li*. 14*s*. aforesayd." C. 12.

Stanley Gower.

He was born in Dublin, 1603, graduated B.A., at the University there, 1625, was ordained by Archbishop Usher in 1627, and was his chaplain. He served the cure of Sheffield, Yorks, and was a member of the Assembly of Divines, 1643. being then of Brampton Brian, co. Hereford. (See Hutchins' *Dorset*). "Mr. Gower made report of his part of Luther's last works: he thinks them not fit to be published. Many things will not advantage the work of Reformation; little good in it." (*Minutes of Sessions of Assembly of Divines*, p. 474.) He was nominated to Holy Trinity, Dorchester, 26th November, 1648 (*Lords' Journals*, Vol. x, p. 638), and was *inducted* into the Parsonage 24th January, 1648-9, having been presented by the major portion of the Feoffees, C. 9. and on 8th February £20 were promised him by the Corporation "towards the charge of his coming downe and the fetching downe of his wife and family." C. 12, and on 12th March it was agreed "that x*li*. be presented to Mris. Gower by Mr. Savage out of the profitts of Fordington parsonage to testifie their respects and to beare her charge down." C. 12. A still further sum of £30 was agreed on, 5th November, to be paid to Mr. Gower from the same source, "to disengage him of such debts as he contracted for his removal." C. 12. He still retained for some months the nominal charge of St. Martin's Sarum, for an augmentation of stipend for half a year to 29th September, 1649, was settled on him from Dean and Chapter lands, William Eyre succeeding to it for the Christmas quarter. (*Shaw*, Vol. ii, p. 546.) He died between 10th February and 18th July, 1660, but no entry of his burial occurs in the registers of Holy Trinity or St. Peter's. Susan Gower, widow, was buried at St. Peter's, 5th December, 1661. There can be little doubt that all the events above mentioned refer to one and the same person.

1648-9, Jan. 24. "This day Mr. Stanley Gower was inducted in the Parsonage of Trinity in the place of Mr. John White, deceased, being chosen by this Company and presented to the same by the major part of the Feoffees of the said Parsonage, to which choice was freely given the full consent and approbacion of the inhabitants of Trinity and Peter's without any contradiction. Gilberte Loder, Maior, [and others]." C. 9.

An Assistant Minister.

1653, May 13. "It is ordered and agreed that the three quarters of a yeare payment out of Fordington parsonage of fowerscore pounds a yeare, issuing thence for the additional mayntenance of a Minister of Peter's parish, which will bee due at Midsommer next, shall be payed vnto Mr. Stanley Gower for this yeare (the some being neere threescore pounds) for his paynes in preaching in both churches, and for to make a supply to the defect of the quarterly contribucions; the other twenty-two pounds hauing bin granted already to Mr. Ben for his paynes in officiating in Peter's church this yeare. And Mr. Whiteway is ordered to pay the same to Mr. Gower when he shall haue so much money in his hands of the parsonage money."

"It is agreed that there bee an assistant minister for Peter's sought out, who shall begin to be payed from Midsommer next, and that Mr. Gower and Mr. Ben bee desired to afford their assistance and helpe in finding out a godly, fitt and able man, such a man as may suite best with the condicion of this Towne and with our present constitution with reference to the Congregacions, and for prevention of disorder." C. 12.

1657, June 26. "Whereas by the Charter or ordinance of Parliament for the Impropriate parsonage of Fordington is provision made of eightie pounds a yeare for the minister of Peter's in Dorchester, Wee, the Mayor, &c., by whose sole procurement the sayd Charter or ordinance was obtayned, do hereby declare that our Intention thereby was not to make Peter's a distinct parish from Trinity, but for the enabling of the Rector of Trinity to keepe and mayntayne an Assistant for the better supply of the two churches of Trinity and Peter's, which time out of mind beyond the memory of man haue alwayes bin held and supplyed by the Rector of Trinity and his Curate or Assistant. And whereas, by reason of some expressions in the sayd charter or ordinance, some question

hath arisen about the manner of bringing in of the sayd Assistant, to cleere vp our meaning and intentions therein wee haue thought fitt to declare, and wee do hereby declare Mr. Stanly Gower minister of Trinity and Peter's, as Mr. White and his predecessors haue formerly bin, and that the sayd eightie pounds per annum is vested in him for the benifitt of an assistant, hereby desiring Mr. Gower to assigne the payment thereof to such assistant minister as the sayd Mayor and Corporacion with the advise and consent of him, the sayd Mr. Gower, shall nominate and bring in. And that Mr. Gower will also signifie his consent under his hand, that the arreares of the sayd eightie pounds per annum during the vacancy of an Assistant already due, together with whatsoever proffitts shall arise by reason of any future vacancy, shall be proportioned and disposed of by the sayd Mayor and Corporacion, as they in their iudgements shall iudge most agreeable to the ends for which it was obtayned. In wittness whereof wee haue hereunto sett our hands,

C. 9. Tho. Symonds, Maior" [and others].

*Mr. Glover.**

1656, Apr. 18. "It is ordered that there bee a Conference held with Mr. Glover, of Wynford, either by Mr. Savage or Mr. Whiteway or both of them, concerning his coming hither to bee a Lecturer, whether or no hee will be perswaded to remove to this Towne for 80*li.* per ann. and a house, or 9[0]*l.* and a house rather than fayle." C. 12.

1656. June 20. "This day the Company having spoken with Mr. Gower to obtayne his concurrence for the bringing in of an Assistant Minister that may enioy the 80*li.* per annum granted vpon the Charter of Fordington Parsonage Mr. Gower made this proposition in order therevnto, vidz., That if the Company will declare vnder their hands that they repute him minister of Trinity and Peter's in succession of Mr. White, notwithstanding such third minister to bee now brought in, that then hee conceiues wee may be free to bring in another minister, and hee will afford vs his helpe therein, And that in the instrument of declaration he would desire that it might be expressed that as Mr. White enioyed both Trinity and Peter's so doth Mr. Gower, and so shall the succeeding minister, so far as lieth in vs." C. 12.

* Perhaps Henry Glover, of Queen's College, 1647, and of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 1648; Rector of Shroton, 1660.

James Speering.

1656, Oct. 17. "It is agreed that Mr. James Speering shalbee sent vnto, by all conventry, (and by his brother if wee can gett him to go), to come to Dorchester to bee a Lecturer at Peter's Church in Dorchester, who, yf he come and accept the place, he shall haue 80*li.* per ann. allowed out of Fordington parsonage." C. 12.

1656, Nov. 3. "It is agreed by this Company that Mr. Bailiff Maber shall goe to London to conferr with Mr. Bonde, Mr. Whiteway, and Mr. Burie, about to settle or agree to settle and procure a third person to preach at Peter's and Trinitie, and to haue the 80*li.* per ann. for his paines, and Mr. Maber shall haue his charges borne." C. 12.

*Richard Russell.**

1657, Sept. 14. "This day it is agreed that there be a letter written vnto Mr. Rich. Russel, at Oxford, to invite him to be our Assistant Minister, and therein to propound to him 100*li.* per ann. for his salary while hee shall continue in that place, and that Mr. Whiteway be desired to write the said letter, and that Mr. Gower and Mr. Ben be also desired to write vnto Mr. Russel on the same behalfe to encourage his coming hither." C. 15.

1659-60, Feb. 10. "Resolved, that Mr. Ben be desired to preach once every Sabboth day in afternoone at Peter's in the absence of Mr. Russel for the space of 4 or 6 monethes, or vntil wee haue an answere from Mr. Russel." C. 15.

Francis Bampfylde.†

1660, July 18. "It is agreed that Mr. Bayliff Maber, Mr. Savage, Mr. Arthur Gould, and Mr. Haysome be desired to goe to Mr. Bamfeild, to treate with him about his being Minister in the place of Mr. Gower, deceased, and that they goe to him tomorrow." C. 15.

1660, July 27. "The day aboue written this Company doth likewise intreat Mr. Maior and it is agreed vppon that

* Richard Russell, of Trinity College, Oxford, made Student of Christ Church, by the Parl. Visitors, 1648; was Rector of Frome Billett and West Stafford, 1663. Signed the necessary declarations, 23rd April, 1663. (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi., p. 235.)

† Francis Bampfylde, B.A., Wadham College, Rector of Rampisham, 1640; Prebendary of Exeter, 15th May, 1641; at Sherborne, 1657. He died in Newgate, 16th February, 1683-4.

he doth write a letter to-morow to Mr. Jon. Whiteway, one of the Burgesses for this Boroughe now in Parliament, to treat with Mr. Banfield, minister of Sherborne, now in London, and desier his speedy resolution about his removall from Sherborn to this towne, accordinge to the treaty that was had with him att Sherburne the 19th of this present month, by Mr. Maber, Richard Savage and Mr. Haysom and Arthur Gould; and likewise that Mr. Jon. Bushrod write a letter to Mr. Thomas Banfeild to the same purpose and that they desier a speedy answer to both the letters." C. 15.

George Hammond.

He was born in 1620, and studied at Trinity College, Dublin, but his name does not occur in the printed list of Dublin graduates. He was incorporated at Oxford, 12th October, 1639, and became M.A. from Exeter College, 1641, Rector of Mamhead, 1645, and Vicar of Totnes, Devon. He succeeded Gower at Dorchester, and on his ejection in 1662 continued to reside in the town, where he was licensed as a Presbyterian teacher, 4th April, 1672. In 1677 he removed to Taunton and thence, after Monmouth's rebellion, to London, where he died in October, 1705.

1660, Oct. 16. "This day at a meeting of the Guardians for the parish of Trinity for the choosing of a minister to succeede Mr. Gower, there was chosen by the major part of the Feoffees then present Mr. George Hammond, late of Bigbury in Devon. Richard Sauage, Maior, John Browne, Edw. Dashwood, Josiah Terry, Tho. Symonds. There were present at the same time Thomas Trenchard, Esq., for Mr. Rolls, John Whiteway for Mr. Rolls, Mr. John Daniel refused to vote, Mr. John Bushrod for Mr. Peter Ince.*" C. 15.

1662-3, March 16. "The Intimacion against Mr. Hamond is dated the fowerth day of March present, and was afixed this present sixteenth of March, 1662." C. 15.

1662-3, March 23. "At a full meeting of the Maior and Company this present twenty-third day of March, 1662, vpon information that ther is great hopes that Mr. Georg Hamond will be inabled to take and retayn agayn the Parsonage of the Holy Trinity, out of which he is now remoued, it is agreed by a vnanimous consent that the trustees of the

* Peter Ince, Minister at Melcombe Regis, Lecturer at Shaftesbury and Minister at Donhead St. Mary. (*Minute Books of Dorset Standing Committee*, p. xxxix.)

sayd church be desired to present the sayd Mr. Georg Hamond agayn to be Rector of the sayd church, and that care be taken that he be instituted and inducted before it run into laps. Edw. Dashwood, Maior; Will. Pitt, Robert Napper, Josiah Terry; Richard Churchill and Joseph Seward, Bayliffs; Arthur Gould, Wm. Wade, Alexander Havelland." C. 15.

Samuel Reyner.

1670, Sept. 3. Mr. Samuel Reyner [B.A., Magdalen Hall, Oxford, 1642; Vicar of Sonning, 1658] elected Rector of H. Trinity. C. 15.

Samuel Conant.

1704-5, March 17. Mr. Samuel Conant, M.A., Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, elected.

The Feoffees that signed the said presentation were His Grace the Duke of Newcastle (not then present), and J. Williams, John Nelson, John Gollop, George Lester, Thomas Blandford and John Yeat. The following were present but would not sign, viz., Andrew Loder, Thomas Seward, John Oldis, Capt. Robert Coker, Max. Gollop. C. 7. He died of phthisis, 18th May, 1706, aged 29. M.I. in Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge.

Samuel Berdmore.

1706, Sept. 28. Mr. Samuel Berdmore,* of the City of London, elected in the place of Samuel Conant deceased. C. 7.

1726, May 13. £4 . 10 . 0 ordered to be paid to Mr. Richard Jackson, the present Curate, for his good services in reading Daily Prayers. C. 7.

Holy Trinity Parsonage House.

1652, March 26. "Ordered and agreed that 150*li.* of the Seaton parsonage monny, now in London in the hands of Mr. Samuel Bury, shall be deliuered to Mr. Gilbert Loder, one of this Company, or his assignes, one hundred pounds whereof, being the fine agreed with Mr. Gardiner for his house vpon the Cornehill which Mr. Loder is desired to pay and gett a discharge for; and the other 50*li.* Mr. Loder is to repay

* He is not mentioned in Hutchins' list of Rectors. Samuel Berdmore, B.A., Merton College, Oxford, was incorporated at Cambridge, and M.A. (King's College) 1706, became Vicar of St. Mary's Nottingham, 1708, and died Canon of York.

vnto whome this Company shall appoint, to be employed and layed out for repayring of the sayd house now in decay, which sayd 150*li*. is to be made good to the Steward for Seaton parsonage monny, out of the sale of the old Trinity parsonage house, the barne adioyning, and the garden behind the George, with the passage forth into the back lane belonging to the George. This sayd house of Mr. Gardiner's, newly purchased, being intended for a parsonage house for the minister to dwell in, in exchange for the old parsonage house, gardens, barne and passage aforesayd." C. 12.

1652, April 16. "It is agreed by this Company that the back house at the parsonage new house should be forthwith taken downe and sold, vidz., lyrons, rafters and justes, with the munyons of stone and stone heads and dournes, &c." C. 12.

1652, April 23. "It is agreed and ordered that the helliers shall proceed to make an end of covering the late purchased parsonage house, and that no further charge be bestowed vpon the repayring of the sayd house (the healing thereof excepted) vntil the title be cleered. And that the back house at the parsonage house be sold away and taken down. . . ." C. 12.

1652, April 30. "This day at a debate concerning the title of the new purchased house lately Mris. Gardiner's, this Company, doubting whether the mortgage that is vpon it may not prove troublesome in future time, have made this ensuing proposition to Mr. Loder, vidz., That he would with all possible and convenient speede buy the fee of the sayd house of John Gardiner, in whome the fee is, and that he would then tender it to this Company, either to accept or refuse the bargaine at their choice. In consideracion whereof this Company is content to leave vnto the sayd Mr. Loder all the timber of the back Crosse house at the said Mr. Gardiner's house (the boards and staire-case excepted) with the munyons of the windowes and *chimney peeces* [crossed out]. But in case this Company shall not thinke fitt to accept of the bargaine which Mr. Loder shall make with the sayd John Gardiner, that then Mr. Loder do take the whole house to himselfe, and pay back to the Towne all the monny which they have payed both towards the fine and for reparacions and building." C. 12.

1652, June 11. The house taken over from Mr. Loder. Cost of the fee, £153.

1656, June 27. "The account of the Charges of the new Parsonage house in Peter's parish

	£	s.
The lease of 100 years purchased of William Gardiner and William Alford at the fine of ..	100	00
The fee thereof purchased of John Gardiner at ..	053	00
The charges of Repayring the sayd house came to the somme of	140	00
	293	00

Besides an Annuitie of six pounds per ann., payed to Temperance Gardiner from the time of the purchase, and to bee continued during her life.

Md. That in consideracion of the charge of purchasing this foresayd parsonage house for the Minister of Trinity and Peter's, the old parsonage house in Trinity parish was, by agreement of all parties concerned, yeelded vp to the Towne for the benifitt of the Corporacion." C. 9.

An abstract of the deeds relating to this purchase from William Gardiner has already been printed, *ante* pp. 380-383.

1675, May 14. "Mr. Samuel Reyner. Dorchester, the 4 May, 1675. Sir, whereas wee are lately informed of your clayme to the old parsonage house and garden behind the George by your forbidding the Tenants to pay there rents to the Corporation, which house is held onely by deed of exchange betwixt your predecessor and ours, as our house is betwixt our predecessor and yours, and synce you have thereby declared your intention to returne to your antient parsonage house, wee conceave the sayd exchange to be voied and doe now therefore, according to the effect of the said Deed, warne you to leave the possession of the house you now dwel in by virtue of the said exchange, and hold by noe other title, which is noe less then the law permitts and the rule of Justice admeasuers betwix us, which is all expected by, Sir, Jasper Samwaies" [and 9 others]. C. 15.

Holy Trinity Church.

1823, July 21. Resolved that one hundred pounds be given out of the public Funds of the Corporation to the Committee of Management for rebuilding the church of the parish of the Holy Trinity, in aid of the additional expence about to be incurred by the estimate now produced by Mr. Thomas Bower, for the *express purpose* of casing the walls with Portland

stone, according to a Plan as explained in the said estimate marked A.B. [pinned to the page]. C. 42*a*.

Estimate to case the front, and south east Tower, and the south west Buttress with Portland stone; work and reset the old stone to the whole of the west end, and as far as the window in the east end, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds. The Turrets above the moulding marked B. to be finished with Cement, also the pinacles on the south front and west end Pinacles in Portland stone, Two pounds each, extra.

A.B. To case the whole of the South side, West end, and South-east Turret with Portland Stone (except the part of the Turrets above the moulding marked B, which is to be finished as first proposed with Roman Cement) to wash and set the best of the old stone in the North side and East end, as far as the south east Turret, work the mouldings, coverings to the Buttresses and pedestal for pinacles in the North side and East end with Roman Cement, likewise the whole of the Pinacles North and South sides with Roman Cement, for the sum of Two hundred sixty three pounds, ten shillings. Wm. M. July 19. 1823. [Rebuilt, 1875.]

All Saints' Rectory.

William Cheeke.

From several entries occurring in the Minute Books it appears that William Cheeke, Rector of All Saints', whose name occurred in the old register, 1611-1617, vacated his living, and subsequently became an inmate of one of the Town Almshouses. Here he died in 1650, having outlived John White, his contemporary, by two years. The Books of Institution in the Public Record Office do not mention the names of either William or Robert Cheeke.

1636, April 29." Whereas Mr. William Cheeke, sometymes Parson of All Saints' in this Borough, and an inhabitant sometimes in Peter's Parish, is for want of meanes of maintenance placed in Sir Roberte Napper's Almeshowse, and he being blind and feeble, the meanes of maintenance allowed vnto him out of the almeshowse incombe will not suffice to relieve him; It is therefore ordered that twelve pence weekely shall be allowed and paid vnto him out of the bason mony, given and to be given in Peter's parish within this Borough, vntill Mr. Maior and the Company shall otherwise

agree, by the Churchwardens of Peter's parish; and shall have two shirtes given him for his presente necessity, to bee paid for by the Steward of the Hospital." C. 9.

1649, Oct. 19. "It is thought fitt that the xij*d.* a weeke behind and in arreare, paid to Mr. Cheeke in the Almeshouse, shall be paid to him out of the monny which shall be collected the next Thanksgiuing Day." C. 12.

1649, Nov. 16. "It is ordered and desired that Mr. Bushrod should pay out of the Brewhouse monnyes vnto Constable Gould the some of xx*s.* for Mr. Cheeke's relieffe in the Almeshouse, and who is to be paid xij*d.* per weeke." C. 12.

1650, March 29. From henceforth Mr. Bushrod to pay vnto Benjamin Gould xiij*s.* per quarter, for a weekly supply to Mr. Cheeke at xij*d.* per weeke. C. 12.

1650, July 3. "This day it was ordered that Mr. Bushrod, the Steward of the Hospital, shall deliuer vnto Ben: Gould xx*s.* to prouide necessaryes for old Mr. Cheeke in the Almeshouse, now in his extremity of weaknes, and that the xx*d.* per week shall be continued vnto him as formerly." C. 12.

1650, Aug. 23. A place is void in the Almeshouse by the death of Mr. Cheeke. C. 9.

Robert Cheeke.

He is thus spoken of by Sir Francis Ashley in his assignment for his benefit of the lease of the tithes of Walterston in 1617, which will be mentioned presently. "Roberte Cheeke hath taken and continually doth take great paynes and travaile in expounding of the holie Scriptures, catechesing and otherwise discharging the religious dutyes appertayninge to his pastoral cure and charge," though the value of his parsonage is "very smale, and in no reasonable manner sufficinge for a competent exhibition to an industrious and reasonable pastor." He was also master of the Free School and died in 1627.

Samuel Whitefield.

He was son of Samuel Whitefield, of Bucks, clerk, matriculated at Oxford, 15th May, 1618, aged 18, from Queen's College; B.A. from Magdalen Hall, 1621, M.A., 1624 (Foster's *Alumni Oxon.*); made the necessary declarations on being ordained Priest by the Bishop of Bristol, 24th September,

1625, and at institution to the Rectory of All Saints', 2nd January, 1627-8. (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, pp. 185, 188.)

1627, Dec. 16. "Mr. *James* Whitefield was chosen parson of All Saints' in Mr. Cheek's place."—*William Whiteway's Diary*. (*Dorset Field Club's Proceedings*, Vol. xiii, p. 69.)

John Ball.

1628, Dec. 30. John Ball, M.A., subscribed the Articles previous to institution to the Rectory of All Saints', and again on 7th May following, on his presentation by Sir Walter Erle to the Rectory of Langton Matravers, so that his connection with Dorchester was of brief duration. (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, p. 190.)

William Benn.

He was born about November, 1600, a native of Cumberland, and had been a member of Queen's College, Oxford, but did not graduate; incumbent of [Wokingham], Berks; Chaplain to Marchioness of Northampton in Somerset (Wood's *Athenæ Oxon.*, Vol. iii, col. 1273); was elected Rector of All Saints', 12th July, 1629 (C. 9), and took the oaths of Supremacy and Canonical Obedience and the oath against Simony, 5th August following (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, p. 143). He was ejected in 1662, but continued to reside in the town till the Five Mile Act, when he retired to Maiden Newton. He was licensed as a Nonconforming teacher at Dorchester, 1st May, 1672, and dying on 22nd March, 1680-1, was buried in All Saints' Churchyard.

1629, July 12. "Md., that on the day and yeare aboue-said with the approbacion of the cheifest of the parishioners of the parish of All Saints, the Bailiffs and maior parte of the Capitall Burgesses of the said Borough did elect and choose Mr. William Benne to bee the next incombent to the Church of All Saints, and made knowne the same their election to the said Mr. Benne, who accepted thereof, and the said Bailiffs and Capitall Burgesses, then presente, informed the said Mr. Benne that the same Parsonage is of the yearely valew of lxx*li.* per annum, and that they hoped the profitts therof will bee increased, and agreed to make him a Presentacion to the same Parsonage when Mr. Ball, the present incombent, hath resigned the same Parsonage.

The mayntenance of the same Parsonage is conceived will arise in this manner yearely: The Easter booke; out of the rent of the Church land; the tithes of Little Puddle; out of the Brewhouse, which is paid for the profitt of 100*li.* which is the mony given in the tyme of the fast and now ymployed in the Brewhowse." C. 9.

1629-30, Jan. 6. "It is agreed that Benjamin Devenish shall pay out to Mr. Ben xv*li.* in parte of payment of xxx*li.* yearely, which he is to haue out of the Brewhowse as in augmentacion of the profitts of his parsonage, vntill such tyme as the sayd parsonage shalbe endowed with Revenues about 70*li.* per annum, being so promised by the Company at his Induction." C. 9.

1630, May 5. "William Chub, servant to Edward Ashe, testefieth vpon oathe that haveng some speeche with his sister Em, the wife of John Gawler, concerning Mr. Benne, the preacher, and enquiring yf Mr. Benne was sick or no, because he did not preache, and his sayde sister awnsered 'Mr. Benne was sick, because he had no more offerings at Easter,' which was spoken the week after Easter last."

"Allexander Biles, whoe, being accused that lately he sayd Mr. Ben did rave or rayle at church in his sermon, confesseth that he said Mr. Benne was an angry man, and denieth that he sayd any other words, but Henry Goare is to testifie in this case." C. 8.

1631, May 4. The examinacion of Lawrence Ryton, taken vppon oath before Mr. Mayor, &c., "who sayth that the 21th day of March last past, going to Cerne in the company of Wm. Martin of this Borough, seevier, the said Martin brake into speche of ministers and lawyers, that they had gotten all the riches of the land into ther hands, and were growen so proud that they will not vouchsaf to speke to a pore man; whervpon they fell into question of the voluntary contrybucion for the provision of corn to be made in Dorchester for the pore, which this examinant sayd Mr. Ben did like well, and in further spech the sayd Martin sayd that Mr. Ben had gotten so much means that he was become so proud that he would not speak vnto him, but cast vp a great pair of eyes vpon him, and this examinant replyed that svs [such] lik Mr. Ben was taken vp with other things, and did not take notice of him when he met him, whervpon he sayd he would nyther sp'ke nor put of his hat vnto him any more, and sayd withal in besley and vncivill terms that he cared not a

'savy your r'vence for him, and you tell him so,' and obiected divers passages of Mr. Ben's preching and prayers, that he was so long in preching; and having an answeare made of the reason, he sayd 'then he might say lesse,' and did not speak lowd inugh in deliuering the names of the children at Christnings."

Cristopher Wey, "whoe saith, going on the way to Cerne in the company of Wm. Martin, the said Martin spake of the bounty of Mr. Cheeke in giving at the colleccions in the church, but thought Mr. Ben gave litle or nothing, and said farther that Mr. Ben did not reade the Com[munion] nor Epistles and Ghospells, nor did not reade audibly, and sayd farther that Mr. Benne, yf he mett him or his nyhbors, he did not vse to salut them with his hatt, but look ouer them with a great pair of eyes, and this examinant bid him stop, and charged him that he ranne out to fast against Mr. Benne, and he replyd that he card not a —— for any one that should tell him of yt."

William Hayward, "who saith that going on the way to Cerne with William Martin, the seavier, ther was speech of the colleccion in the church, and Martin spak in commendacion of the bounty of Mr. Cheeke, that he vsed to give mony guifts to encourage others but sayd Mr. Benne did not, and sayd farther that Mr. Benne did not reade the Common Prayer the Com[munion] and Episles and Ghosples, &c., and this examinant wised him to say no mor then he ment to her of, to which he replyed, that when hee vsed to meet with Mr. Benne, he did not speak to him, nor put of his hat, but vsed to cast vp a great pair of eys vpon him, and sayd farther that he sp'k yt, to the end to her of yt again, and cared not a 'Sir reverens' for him that should tell him of yt." C. 8.

1632, Sept. 26. A certificate given to Mr. Robert Tutchyn* that Lowdes field hath alwayes paid tenths and fifteenths with the parish of All Saints (see *Verdict Book*, 1577), and the mansion house of Lowdes field stands in the parish of All Saints. C. 9.

* Robert Tutchin, *literatus*, subscribed the usual declarations on being ordained Deacon, 24th September, 1625, and Priest, 22nd September, 1627, by the Bishop of Bristol (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, pp. 185, 187). "Mr. Turchin removed from Fordington to Charminster," 28th July, 1633 (*Wm. Whiteway's Diary*) He was subsequently Lecturer at Bridport, 13th July, 1642 (*Lords' Journals*, Vol, ii, 670) and a Trier, and Lecturer at Chideock, 17th May, 1643 (*Commons' Journals*, Vol. iii, 89). He was confirmed in the Rectory of Bridport, 4th April, 1646.

1648, Sept. 1. "It is ordered and agreed that in respect the publike thanksgiuing day falls out to be on Woodbery Faire Eve, at which time most of the Towne will be from home, Mr. Ben be desired to observe the Wednesday following for a day of Thanksgiving." C. 12.

1650, May 27. "It is agreed that there shall be 10*l.* giuen to Mr. Polwheele,* as a testimony of our respects to Mr. Ben whose eldest daughter he hath lately marryed, out of the Parsonage monny; and Mr. Savage is desired to pay the monny accordingly." C. 12.

"*Our Cold Hearts.*"

1658, Sept. 10. "Mr. Gower, Mr. Benn, Mr. Russell be desired, out of the sence of the greate need wee haue of improueinge the meanes and imbraceinge euery opportunitie, to the stirringe our cold harts, the more to be quickened in the wayes of pietie. Mayor, Mr. Symonds, Mr. Whitewaye, Mr. Bushrod, Mr. Terry.

Mr. Cole and Mr. Maber did like the worke but would first haue the ministers spoken withall." C. 15.

Richard Wine.

He graduated as B.A. from Brasenose College, 20th January, 1655-6 (Foster's *Alumni Oxon.*) and signed the declaration against taking up arms, no date specified, and the usual declarations on ordination as Deacon and Priest, by the Bishop of Bristol, 29th March, 1662, and on institution to Rectory of Wraxall, Dorset, 1st April, 1662 (from which he ceded to All Saints', Dorchester, 10th February, 1662-3), and to Rectory of East Stoke, 18th December, 1667 (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, pp. 139, 141, 233), which he resigned a few months after. He recanted his error in declaiming against the Authorities, 19th February, 1683-4, being then termed "Curate of All Saints', Dorchester." (*Tanner MS.* 129, fol. 105.) Apparently instituted to Rectory of Clifton Maybank, 26th April, 1687, and having resigned *circa* 1691-2, became a nonconformist. He died in London. (Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. iv, p. 431.)

* Theophilus Polwheele was appointed to the cure of Langton Long Blandford by the County Committee, 5th September, 1649. (*Minute Books of Dorset Standing Committee*, p. 544.)

1662-3, Jan. 12. "Deliuered vnto the Parrerter, Giles Williames, the intimation for the parsonage of All Saints the day aboue written: it bares date the 10 day off Septemb., 1662. Mr. Derby had the intimation deliuered vnto him." C. 15.

1662-3, March 13. "Ordered that Mr. Wine's charge for bringing his goods to towne be discharged by the towne, and alsoe his charge for travailing to Bristoll to save the Parsonage of All Saints from the Laps, and alsoe for one load of wood put into his howse against his comeing to towne, and for the beere that was likewise put into the howse against his comeing, and that this be paid by the Towne Stewards amounting in the whole to fower pownds." C. 15.

1664, June 17. "It is agreed that Mr. Pitt, haveing in his hands vij*li*. xs. o*d*., Seaton parsonage mony, he doe pay vnto Mr. Wine the summe of fower pownds, he being the minister of All Saints, and vnto Mr. Arnold,* the assistant minister of Trinity, the sume of three pownds and ten shillings, residew of the said seaven pownds ten shillings." C. 15.

1665, May 26. "The examinacion of William Lock of this Borough, butcher, taken [on] oath, who sayth that he comeing to John Lillyes howse to speak with him about his willingnes to contribute to the maynetenance of the minister of All Saints', in this Borough, wherein the said Lilly liveth, and of which this examinant was lately Churchwarden, the said Lilly said he would not give mony to maynetayne Wine's wife in a black Bag; this examinant asked him why he did not come to church, the said Lilly replyed he would not heare such babling, and said he would goe to Church once in a moneth. Will. Locke." C. 15.

1667-8, Jan. 13. The Company agrees to pay Mr. Wine, Rector of All Saints', £20 per ann., "vnlesse besides the present maynetenance of the said Rectory a greater increase of maynetenance then the xx*li*. yearely aboue agreed on shall otherwise accrew to the said Mr. Wyne, as Rector there." C. 15.

In C. 27 are entries of the election to the Rectory by the Corporation of Mr. Seth Bancks, 27 Jan., 1759, Mr. John Randall, 29 May, 1769, and Mr. Thomas Bryer, 3 Sept., 1774, and in C. 42*a* that of Mr. Evan Davies, 16 Nov., 1818.

* John Arnold, Curate of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, signed the declaration in Act of Uniformity, 7th July 1663. Perhaps Rector of Melcombe Regis and Radipole, 1667. (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, pp. 142, 235, 237.)

Augmentation of the Endowment of the Dorchester Churches.

The poverty of the endowment of the Livings of All Saints' and St. Peter's* attracted the attention of the inhabitants early in the seventeenth century. A statement by William Benn, Rector of All Saints' (1629-1662), puts the value of All Saints' in 1629 at £20 16s. 8d. per annum, raised by "some priuy tithes" to £24, and by "the Easter Booke" to £28 per annum. St. Peter's was endowed with £15 per annum, but had no settled minister till 1632.

Tithes of Walterston.

The document, B. 25(1), is a copy of an Indenture dated the last day of December, 1617, 15 James, by which Francis Ashley, of the Middle Temple, London, Esq., the Recorder of Dorchester, grants to Robert Cheeke, Parson of the Parish of Alhallowes in Dorchester, all his tithes of "corne, grayne, hay, woolle, lambes, oad," and all other tithes, predial, personal or mixed, belonging to the free chapel of Pudle Walterston

* The Rectory and decayed parish of Frome Whitfield had been united to Holy Trinity, Dorchester, by an Act of 7 James I. See Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. ii, p. 417.

C 47 is "A bre' [breviate] about Frome Whitefeild."

Raulf Scrope, esqr., in his life tyme did let to John Strongman thelder, gen., and Mr. Churchill the farme of Frome Whitfild and the advowson thereof so oft as it should fall, during the lease.

The advowson and right of patronage was granted to Sir Robert Napper by a deed dated 1st October, 18 Eliz., for *old* (?) Strangman, William Strangman and Mr. Churchill.

Jer. Will'ms [called Foye Williams, *ibid.*], being presented by Sir Robert Napper to the parsonage, did make a lease dated 20th July, 23 Eliz., to her Majestie for 99 yeers at 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* rent, enrolled 25th February, 29 Eliz.

A Letter of attornie from Jer. Will'ms to Doctor Baylie and John Wolly esqr., to deliver the said lease as his deed to her Majestie and to acknowledge any act or inrolment, 21st July, 23 Eliz. Inrolled 25th February, 29 Eliz.

This lease was confirmed by Sir Robert Napper 1st August, 23 Eliz., and 1st May, 26 Eliz., by Dr. Bridges 25th February, 24 Eliz., and by Adrian Scrope 1st July, 26 Eliz., and assigned by Dr. Baylie to Sir George Trenchard 20th February, 27 Eliz. Sir Robert Napper granted to Sir George Trenchard his right of patronage for the years to come 12th April, 27 Eliz.

Adrian Scrope, Esqr., by indenture of 1st July, 27 Eliz., granted the patronage to Sir George Trenchard, John Williams esqr., Nic. Foxwell, Ma. Chub, Wm. Churchill, John Henynge, Laur. Stratford, John Greene and Henry Whittell.

"A lest of the verdict at Dorchester and the iudgment thereupon on Doctor Bayllives part, against Mr. Twynyhoe."

alias Pudle Waterston, in the parish of Pudleton *alias* Pydletowne, and all other tithes in Walterston, to hold from the previous Michaelmas for 40 years, if the said Robert Cheeke shall so long continue Incumbent of Alhallowes, and also if Dorothy Ashley,* daughter of the said Francis Ashley, John White and Josias White, two sons of John White, clerk, Rector of Holy Trinity, or either of them, shall so long live—the said Robert Cheeke paying yearly to John Rogers of Cannington, Somerset, Esq., and his heirs, an annual sum of 40*s*. at Michaelmas, in the porch of the parish church of Pudleton aforesaid.

1632, July 18. "Whereas there are divers yeares rent arrere for the Parsonage of Walterston, It is ordered that the rent which was due before Mr. Benne had the profitts thereof shall be paid out of the rent of Seaton Parsonage, and the residew shall be paid by Mr. Benne himselfe." C. 9.

1634-5, Jan. 30. "It is ordered that Mr. John Hill shall pay unto Mr. William Benne, out of the income of Seaton Parsonage six pounds, for three yeares rent due vnto Sir Francis Rogers out of the Parsonage of Walterston, which was left unpaid during the last yeare of Mr. Cheeke, Mr. Ball and Mr. Whitefield, their time." C. 9.

1648, April. "It is ordered that whereas there is a lease given by Sir Fr. Ashley to the towne for the parson of All Saints', It is ordered that Mr. John Bushrode be desired to make meanes to purchase the fee of the impropriate parsonage of Walterston, and give an answeare as soone as he can haue a price, and move the Lady Ashley to make good Sir Francis Ashley's guift by his will." C. 12.

1649, Sept. 19. "It is desired that Mr. Ben will please to treat with Mr. Rogers of Waterston Parsonage vpon which there is yet two liues, and that he agree a bargaine for it, so as he doth not exceede 100*li*." C. 12.

1649-50, March 8. "It is desired that in case Mr. Bury and Mr. Loder cannot prevaile with Mr. Hodges of Sherborne to treate with Mr. Rogers of Cannington for the fee of the tithes at Waterston due to the minister of Alhollowes, that then Mr. Sauage and Mr. Bushrod do ride vnto Mr. Rogers, to treatt with him for the fee of the sayd tithes, and to agree a bargaine with him for the same, not exceeding 100*li*. value." C. 12.

* Dorothy Ashley, her father's sole heir, married Denzil. Lord Holles, Baron Holles of Ifield.

1652, May 7. "It is agreed and consented vnto that Mr. Bushrod do proceede to finish and conclude a bargaine with Mr. Rogers at Cannington, for the inheritance in fee of that portion of tithes at Walterston, now belonging to Mr. Ben, which is held now by two liues, and was the guift of Sir Francis Ashley, Knight; and that hee offer one hundred and fortie pounds, as is demanded, for the fee of the same, and for the arreares of fortie shillings a yeare rent for about x yeares behind, in case they will not take lesse. Provided that there be a good and firme title made to this Corporacion of the sayd tithes, such as shall be approved of by Counsell."

Further agreed that Mr. Francis Hollis be putt in mind of his grand father's Sir Francis Ashleyes purpose and clause in his will, to giue towards the purchasing of the aforesayd parcel of tithes the somme of one hundred markes, and that hee be requested to make good his intention." C. 12.

1652, May 21. Letter received from Mr. Hugh Hodges in Sherborne, about these tithes (acting for Mr. Rogers) which are liable to an entail. A letter to be written to Mr. Bond, "to consider the bargain and signifie his iudgement." C. 12.

1652, Oct. 15. "Whereas there is due from this Corporacion vnto Mr. Rogers the somme of two and twentie pounds, for eleven yeares rent out of Walterstone tithes which was by former agreement to be payd by Mr. Ben, minister of Alhallowes, this Company hath agreed and do hereby order the Steward of Fordington Parsonage to pay the somme of twenty pounds, in full satisfaction of all arreares of rent due from the sayd Walterston tithes, out of consideracion of Mr. Ben's assisting the minister of Trinity in the vacancy of an assistant, which is one quarter's pay due to the assistant minister of Peter's parish at Michaelmas, by the charter of Fordington parsonage, and to ease Mr. Ben of the charge of these arreares, &c." C. 12.

Seaton and Beer Parsonage.

On 24th Novr., 1630, the Corporation received from John and James Gould, merchants, sons and executors of John Gould, deceased, the sum of £30 bequeathed by him towards "purchasing of some Impropriacion or other Lands to redowne vnto the benefitt and maintenance of the Ministers" of the parishes of Dorchester, and the Corporation undertook to expend it within six months towards the purchase of the

Impropriate Rectory of Seaton and Beer in Devonshire. B. 25(2).

From the documents in the bundle, B. 25, which relate to a suit in Chancery brought by Richard Wine, Rector of All Saints', and the Churchwardens of St. Peter's, Thomas Hall and Thomas Edward, the latter benefice being then vacant, against Sir Walter Younge, (son and heir of Sir John Young, son and heir of Walter Young), James Gould and Richard Savage, to be heard on 24th April, 1665, the accompanying outline of the transactions which followed may be deduced.

John White, Rector of Holy Trinity, was the active mover in raising a sum of about £1,500 to be invested as an endowment for the Minister of All Saints', and the Assistant Minister of St. Peter's. £32 were subscribed by the parishioners of All Saints', "besides which some of the chiefest parishioners had given before." "Mr. White persuaded the parishioners of All Saints' on a Lord's day to give liberally." He himself gave 40s. Mr. White also procured the assistance of one, Mr. Rolf, "who had the disposing of moneys given by well disposed gentlemen."*

£500 was given by the inhabitants of the Borough, £100 by Mr. John Blatchford, a magistrate of the town, and £600 by several persons in and about London. A meeting was held of about 80 contributors "in the parish Church of St. Peter's on the Lord's day in the afternoon, and there it was agreed that the benefitt of the purchase should remaine and redound to the said Ministers and their successors for ever, and to no other use." (Nicholas Stone.)

£200 or £300 were given by the inhabitants of Dorchester, and £200 or £300 were "taken out of the publique stocke which had beene given at publique fasts, which was at the disposal of the Mayor, giuen for publique uses." Mr. White procured £500 or £600 "from some charitable persons about

* In C. 8 is entered a deed poll from the Corporation to the effect that they had received from Sir William Blake, Knt., William Rolfe, Esq., George Lowe, Esq., Richard Gurnard and Henry Jackson, gent., executors of the will of the late Henry Smith of London, Esq., the sum of £200, parcel of a greater sum given by him towards buying Impropriations for the good of the church, and covenanting to apply the same towards purchasing the Impropriate Parsonage of Seaton, or some other Impropriation, for enlarging the maintenence of the ministers of the three Dorchester parishes, 10th June, 1630. This is followed by a similar instrument of the same date, touching £100.

London, for the increase of ministers' maintenance, £45 by Mr. White of Oxfordshire. (John Whiteway.)

Mr. James Gould states that he contributed £10."

The sum of £1,500 having by these means been raised, and placed in the hands of the Mayor and Magistrates, the purchase of the impropriate parsonage of Seaton and Beer, on which White had set his eye, was effected for the pious uses aforesaid. The vendor was William Fry, of Membury, Devon, Esq. (whose wife, Mary, was a daughter of John Young, and sister of Walter Young, Esqrs.), and the transaction was negociated by the aforesaid Walter Young and his son, Sir John, friends of White, and included the advowson as well as the Rectory. The property had formerly belonged to the Youngs, and Fry tells us he had it in marriage with his wife, Walter Young's sister. The purchase money was paid at Walter Young's house at Colliton. The documents relating to the transfer were 1, A lease for twenty-one years from William Fry to Richard Blachford, merchant, John Hill, Iremonger, and Richard Savage, Draper, of Dorchester, dated October, 1631; 2, A lease from William Fry, Mary, his wife, and William, their son and heir, to William Jolliffe, Draper, James Gould, Esq., Richard Bury and Henry Maber, Clothier, of Dorchester, for ninety-nine years, if the grantees lived so long, to commence after the expiration of the aforesaid twenty-one years; 3, A deed of feoffment or otherwise, in due form of law, by which the said grantees conveyed the fee or inheritance of the premises to Dennis Bond, Esq., and Edward Dashwood, of Dorchester, Mercer, 28 January, 14 Charles (1638-9). In this manner the whole estate became vested in the persons named in the three several deeds.

Mr. Benn in his deposition declares that for thirteen years, and until 1643, he, as Minister of All Saints', and similarly the Assistant Minister of St. Peter's, received payment out of the profits of the Seaton Rectory. Mr. Wine, in his case, states that "the Curate or Minister for the time being of St. Peter's aforesaid, appointed by the Churchwardens of the said parish Church of St. Peter's, had (*sic*) vsually [been] paid and did receive out of the same [*i.e.*, Seaton] the sum of fowerscore poundes per ann., or thereabouts, and the Rector of All Saints' the sum of threescore pounds per ann., or thereabouts, out of the same." Savage, a defendant, states that Mr. Hill, a Capital Burgess, was employed as receiver of the profits, 1631-42—the yearly value was £100. Mr. Benn,

Rector of All Saints', received £50, though not above £40 promised, and £100 promised to Mr. Tompson, Assistant minister of St. Peter's, by the Mayor and Magistrates.

1630, Oct. 6. "It is this day ordered by Mr. Maior and the Company that Benjamin Devenish shall pay ouer vnto Mr. Wm. Whitewey, the elder, one hundred pounds which was hertofore raised out of the contribucion at the Fast, and is to goe toward the purchasing of the parsonage of Seton and Beere in the Countie of Devon; the same mony is to be paid by the 15th of this instant October." C. 9.

1632, Oct. 12. Benjamin Devenish to pay out of the Brewhouse stock £100 to Mr. Toup, in part of £300 due to him for mony borrowed to help pay for the purchase of Seaton parsonage. The Town Steward is also to pay him £50 more, reducing his debt to £150. The Steward of the Parsonage is to pay consideration for that £50 to Mr. Wm. Whiteway, the elder, who must be answerable to Mris. Margaret Cheeke, widow, for the same, whose mony it is, and was paid for her by him as lent to the Incorporation. C. 9.

The trouble of collecting the tithes is illustrated by the following quotations:—

1639, Dec. 27. "Some of the parishioners of Seaton and Beere refuse to pay tith hay in kind for certen meadowes which they call *unnent** meadow, and say they haue a custom to pay 8*d.* an acre only . . . . To have inquiry made of thes custome, and yf it be found that it is an ancient custome, then to accept of 8*d.* an acre, but yf otherwise, then to proceed against them." C. 12.

1640, Aug. 5. "Seaton and Beere. Walter Teat gave accompt of the Tithes of hay already collected, amounting to 7*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, besids the hay gathered in, inough to keep a horse all winter, and besids the custom'd meads pretended to be at 8*d.* an acre."

"It is ordered he shall buy a horse and crookes, and plank the threshing flowre, and shall haue v*li.* deliuered him by Mr. Hill." C. 12.

1640, Aug. 12. "Joseph Michell, the Brewhowse maultman, is this day appoynted to goe tomorrow to Seaton and Beere to assist and ioyne with Walter Teat to helpe take in the Parsonage Tithes there for this Company." C. 12.

* Perhaps *unnait*, unprofitable (Halliwell).

1640, Aug. 12. Tristram Hackham came to the Company, and desired his bond, which was for 120*li.*, whereon he hath paid in 100*li.* only, and hath laid out other monies, soe that he hath, as he saith, but 40*s.* for his and his horses laber in collecting and selling the corne of the Tith, and is put off and willed to come againe when thes Company sends him notice to come. C. 12.

1640, Aug. 14. "Mr. Jon Hill intreated to ride to Seaton on Thursday next, to vew the proceedings ther about the tithe." C. 12.

1640, Aug. 20. "Mr. Hill is desired to convey x*li.* to Mr. Walter Teat, to help in the harvest at Seaton parsonage." C. 12.

1640, Sept. 11. "This day it is agreed that an answeare be given to Walter Fowler's letter that wee will send to Seaton, and vse all faire meanes to receive the mony behind for tithes in 1638, for the benefit of Fowler and his sonne." C. 12.

1641, March 29. "It is ordered that Walter Tet shall forthwith, so soone as may be, cause all the corne remayning of the parsonage at Beere to bee threshed out and sold, and alsoe to sell away the piggs, and to put vp the ymplements, and bring home the horses and saddles and the wimsheets and sacks." C. 12.

1641, June 25. "It was ordered that Seaton Parsonage be let for 3 yeares to the Governor of the Hospitall at 120*li.* rent cleere aboue all charges." C. 12, C. 9.

1641, July 14. "This day Walter Tet complayneth agaynst the people of Seaton that refuseth to pay tyth of Hey; he is this day ordered to ride to Exiter and aduise with Mr. Paynter, to direct him to the ablest Proctor and gett a Cytatyon agaynst Mr. Hodge." C. 12.

1641, Aug. 4. "Thes day it is agreed that Mr. James Gould and Mr. John Seaward shall goe to Seaton and there endevor to compownd for the tithes with severall persons, yf they can, otherwise to leave order with Walter Tet to compownd with the parishioners, and to take in the rest; and they agree to goe the next weeke." C. 12.

1641, Sept. 29. "Walter Teat, whoe was appoynted to take vp the Tithes of Seaton Parsonage, informeth that Richard Starre of Beere, having ij plotts of barley, the one being j acre and the other halfe an acre, there were 7 stookes

dew for tith out of them both, of which he had only ij stookes, and a close of pease of 2 acres, the tithes may be worth 5*s.*, and did vniustly tith his wheat by picking out the little sheaves."

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
"Walter Teat's accompt of corne sold ..	52	19	8
and of hay	8	17	2
and chargs in gathering	7	12	3

Concerning Seaton Parsonage, it is consented vnto, that yf Walter Teat will give 100*li.* for it for thes yeare *de claro*, he shall have all the profitts of it." C. 12. [He consents.]

1642, Apr. 15. "Walter Teat hath agreed with Mr. Maior and the Company for a lease of the Parsonage of Beer and Seaton (except the advowson) for 6 yeares, to begin at Midsomer next, for 105*li.* yearely for the first yeare, and 110*li.* yearely for the other five yeares; and Walter is to repaire the barne and parsonage howse and chancells sufficiently, and soe leave them at the end of the terme, and to pay all duties to the poore, and all personall services for the parsonage, and not to sell any man his tithes vntill the same be sown, and only for that yeare, and to give his bond for it, and to have 50*li.* stock with the Parsonage, and to assure his howse in Dorchester for it. The Towne to beare and pay all other taxes. To pay the rent quarterly or within 6 daies after." C. 12.

This state of things continued till 1648, when, the value of the Parsonage having decreased, and the public stock of the town exhausted, and Fordington Parsonage, which belonged to the Church of Sarum, having been obtained from the Long Parliament, for the maintenance of their ministers, the Corporation, it is said by the advice of John White, determined to sell their interest in Seaton and Beer. Mr. Dashwood having already died, the fee was conveyed to Walter and John Young by Dennis Bond, 22nd January, 1648, and the other surviving trustees, except James Gould,* also joined in the sale, the lease for twenty-one years, being assigned, 6th November, 1648, and the lease for ninety-nine years 7th November, by Jolliffe, Bury and Maber.

1647-8, Feb. 12. To Walter Young, Esq., at Culliton, "Sir, Wee haue bin enformed that you desire to know whether the Corporation of this Towne are resolved to sell off the

* Gould states that he was "laid aside for his loyalty."

Impropriate Parsonage of Beere and Seaton, and that you also desire to heare from vs concerning it. In answere where-vnto wee haue thought fitt to acquaint you of oure purpose[s] therein, which, are to take the first good chepman, for experience hath shewed vs that the remote distance of the same from vs hath occasioned much inconvenience, and is the cheife ground of our willingnes to part with it vpon such termes as wee hope you will judge reasonable. Wee desire you to giue vs an answere with as much conveniency as you may, for wee are vpon lettinge of it for certaine yeares, and where you shall appoint, some of our Corporation men shall ride to confer with you further about it; which is all that wee haue at present to comend vnto you: and so, after our humble salutations, we reste, Your very loving friends and servants, Rich. Blachford, Mayor, Jno. Whiteway, Rich. Bury, Bailiffe, Rich. Savage.

Dorchester, February the 12th, 1647." C. 9.

After some negotiation the sale was effected on the following terms to Walter Young:—

The Account of the Impropriate Parsonage of Beere and Seaton in the Countie of Devon. Sold. C. 10.

The Impropriate Teithes of Beere were sold to Mr. Walter Young in the yeare 1647, for the some of	850 . 00 . 00
The Teithes of Seaton were also sold to the sayd Mr. Young vpon another bargaine, with the reservation of xx*li* per ann. to the Lecturer of Seaton for the somme of ..	300 . 00 . 00
	£1,150 . 00 . 00

which somme of 1150*li*, being received from Mr. Walter Young according to agreement, was thus disposed of for the publique vse and benefitt of the towne, as followeth, vid.

1. Lent to the Steward of Fordington Parsonage for these several vses following, vid.

To pay Mris. Gould of Upway, for what was borrowed of her for the purchasing of the lease of Fordington Parsonage	300
To pay Robert Godsale, borrowed of him for the same vse ..	100
To passe the Conveyance, and get the Great Seale for Fordington Parsonage	050

2. Lent to the Towne Steward for these following vses, vid.

To pay our Burgesses for their services in Parliament, 1645 or 47	200
To purchase the Fee Farm Rents of the Towne, formerly due to the Crowne	190
To pay Mr. Reve, the Schole Master, for arrears of consideracion of 52*s*. for 10 yeares	035
To pay Mr. Richard Savage for disbursements made by him in the warres	025

3. Lent to the Steward of the Hospital for these vses following, vid.

To lend Thomas Clench for a stock to sett the children to worke	150
To the Hospital Brewhouse. to encrease their Stock ..	100
*	£1,150

1649, May 9. It was agreed to lend 400*li.* of the Parsonage money to Mr. Gregory Gibbs and his eldest son [of South Perrott] for three months, on security of 40*li.* per ann., arising from land mortgaged to Mr. Savage. C. 12. See *ante*, p. 527.

"The grounds and reasons which moved the Towne and the Capital Burgesses thereof to sell away the Impropriate Parsonage of Beere and Seaton in Devon," are set forth in the following terms:—

"When, by almost twenty yeares experience, the Corporation of Dorchester hath found it inconvenient, that the Parsonage of Beere and Seaton was so far off, and that some of the parishioners refused to pay their tithes, and others neglected to sow there grounds out of frowardnes, by which the revenues from thence came short of what was expected, and not sufficient to furnish their ministers with a competent stipend, They purchased the remaynder of Mr. John Foyle's lease in the Impropriate Parsonage of Fordington, of which there was six yeares to come and vnexpired. And having procured this footing in the sayd Parsonage, they made suite to the Parliament of Lords and Commons, in the yeare 1647, for the fee of the same (belonging to the Deanry and Chapter of Sarum lately abolished), which, by the helpe and favor of their Burgesses, then sitting in Parliament, by name Mr. Denzil Hollis and Mr. Denis Bond, was accordingly obtained, the fee of the sayd Parsonage settled vpon certaine Feoffees, vid' [*blank*], for these vses following, vid., eightie pounds per ann. for the assistant minister in Peter's Parish, threescore pounds per ann. for the minister of Alhollows, fortie pounds per ann. for the Vicar of Fordington, and twentie pounds per ann. additional mayntenance for the Schole Master of the Free Schole in Dorchester; and whatsoever overplus of

* This expenditure is differently accounted for in C. 9, dated 1648, viz. Fordington Parsonage £200, Denis Bond in Parliament £200, Hospital £150, Fee Farm Rent £190, "For the purchasing and repayring of Mr. Hammond's house" [the new parsonage] £293, Brewhouse £72, "For the Spowte to quench fire" £35. Total, £1,140.

200*l.* per ann. may arise, to be proportionably divided to the several parties before mencioned.

The obtaining whereof was a great charge to the publique Tresurie of the Towne, which was totally lost and exhausted by the late warres, and the Towne brought much in debt, which occasioned their debate of selling the Parsonage of Beere and Seaton; and finding it necessarie for their present support, as also very rational because of a more liberal supply for their ministers from Fordington, they concluded to sell away the sayd Impropriation, but to reserve twentie pounds a yeare, which was accordingly excepted out of the sale, and is by deede of guift from this Corporacion* graunted to the Vicar of Beere and Seaton, vpon condicion that he preach once euery Sabboth day in Seaton Church, which was don as an expression of the Townes acknowledgement and thankfulnes to God for that more liberal provision which hee had made for their ministers' supply and encouradgement." C. 10.

The ultimate effect of this transaction was thus pithily expressed in 1663: "Soe all is gone from the ministers, and not one farthing benefitt accrewes to them."

1663, May, 13. "This day att a full meeting of this Company, it was ordered and aggreed vppon that Mr. Andrew Loder be desiered to inquier and to solicite the busines concerninge the recouering off the twenty pounds per annum which was formerly giuen away by the former Company vnto the Vicar off Seaton, and to recouer it, yff possible, and what elce may be recouered, and that the Towne Steward for the tyme being shall pay the charge that shall be disbursed in prosequting the sute." C. 15.

The plaintiffs in the action which ensued upon the Restoration alleged that a breach of trust had been committed by the trustees in effecting the sale of the Rectory, and that, since the purchaser was aware that the estate was held for pious uses, the sale was void, and prayed that Sir John Young, son of Walter Young, might be called to account for the rents and profits since the property passed into his hands. The Bill was filed in Easter Term, 1663, to which Sir John appeared, but in the August following, and before any answer was put in, he died, and in Michaelmas Term the same was revived against Sir Walter, his son and heir. On the hearing,

* This annuity was granted to Richard Savage, Henry Maber, Richard Bury, and John Whiteway, of Dorchester, in trust. William Oates, now Vicar. See *Wine's Petition.*

24th April, 1665, the Bill was ordered to be amended, as "the plaintiffes had not made proper parties to theire Bill, neither plaintiffes nor defendants." B. 25(6).

On 28th November, 1665, Sir Walter Young made his answer to the Bill, presenting his view of the transactions in question. Thereupon Counsel's opinion was obtained by the Corporation, who were the real promoters of the suit, and paid the expenses of it. The principal question and answer were as follows:—"1, Whether upon view and consideration had of the said former Bill, answeare and proofes, Counsell bee of opinion that the sale of Seaton to the Grand father, Walter Younge, shall bee reputed the act of the grantees by the direction of the Corporation, or whether it shall bee reputed their owne distinct acts, and then, if itt bee the act of the Corporation and the 1150*li.* paid to their vse, who shall make satisfaction for the pious vse, whether the Corporation, or these single persons out of their estates?"

Answer.—"It is the act of the Corporacion by their vote in Counsell, and yet possibly this will not excuse the Trustees from a breach of Trust, for though they were trusted by the Corporacion, yet they were not trusted for the Corporacion but the Charitable vse. Nevertheless, the Charity will be decreed, but the Trustees and the Corporacion, who received Sir Walter Y. mony, must reimburse him, and the Corporacion must save the Trustees harmless who acted by their order, to help them to mony to purchase Fordington."

Other answers state that "Sir W. Y., if notice be proved, as it seems to bee well enough, will loose the Law, but must be reimbursed as aforesaid."

"The successors must answer for the act of the predicessors, and rayse the mony as they can; the Stock and Lands of the Corporacion may be sequestered, and 'tis not without president that particular members have been imprisond for disobedience of the Corporacion."

To the final question, "What answeare shall the present Corporacion make to the Bill?" the following wise answer is returned: "The best way is to agree with Sir Walter Y. for the repurchase of Seaton, to settle it vpon the Charitable vse, and so prevent a hearing, wherein the honest successors will suffer for their predicessors.

March 2, 1665." Heneage Finch.*

* Solicitor-General, afterwards Lord Chancellor and Earl of Nottingham.

The following letters bear upon this suit :—

"To the Wor'll the Maior, Bayliffes, Aldermen and Capitall Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester, these."

"Worthy Sirs, The greate desire wee haue of the welfare and happinesse of this Towne, and the perticuler respect wee haue for yourselues, your honour and repute, are the causes that wee make bold to giue you the trouble of this paper, to tell you that wee haue seriousely considered the buisenesse of Seaton, the past transactions, the present advice, and seriousely weighed what are like to bee the future consequences of it, and out of the greate respect wee haue for you, finde it necessary to entreate you to take into your Consideracion seriousely these few Quæryes. 1, Whether, if the Magistrates and Ministers should both ioyne together and make as effectual an agreement as can possibly bee invented with Sir Walter Younge, whether any such agreement would stand good in Law, and whether, after such agreement made, it will not bee att the pleasure either of your or our successors to commence a new suite, as if there had beene neuer any agreement made? 2, Vppon supposall that there cann bee noe such agreement made (which wee are certainely informed would not bee valid in Law), whither it doth not highly concerne you to bee very wary what answere you putt in, and to bee well advised by Councell learned in the Law, and the rather because wee are informed that the Lord High Chancellor hath taken this cause soe much into consideration, that hee will neuer suffer it to goe off the stage without a Judgement passed vppon it, and whether it is not now to late, the buisenesse beeinge soe farr gone, to think of stifleinge any evidences? 3, Whether it bee not necessary that you should giue an answere that it was neuer bought nor yet sold by the Corporation? But in this you must bee advised by Councell, for wee suggest it onely out of our private reason, beeinge fully convinced in our owne private judgements that that is the true state of it. 4, Supposinge the worst (which wee think will neuer happen) that the repayment of Sir Walter Yonge's money should light vppon the present Corporation, whether it bee not more for the good of the Towne, [and] your owne honor, to think of a way how hee may bee reimbursed his money (there beeinge towards the reimbursemt 340*li.* in an House, some other monyes, and wee are certainely informed you would haue a greate helpe and assistance from particuler persons, if called into your assistance) rather then to lett a purchase

of fiueteene hundred pounds bee lost for want of eleauen hundred, there beeinge such a considerable parte in hand towards the reimbursement of it? Lastly wee doe assure you, out of the desire wee haue of the good of the Towne, and our particuler respects unto yourselues, that if you will goe on with the Suite, and it should soe happen (which wee hope and thinck will not) that you should be forced to lay out any monyes out of your Towne Stocke towards the reimbursement aforesaid, that wee shall bee willinge to ioyne with you to craue a decree in Chancery, that you shall enjoy soe much of the revenew of Seaton yearely, for the vse of the Towne Stock, as shall bee sutable to that proportion of money you shall soe expend. Wee haue noethinge elce to add att this time, but onely to communicate one of our many grounds which wee haue for the Quæryes, and that onely relatinge to the 3d of them, and that is this, That when Sir [*blank*] Younge purchased Seaton, there are Letters yet of his to shew that hee would not owne the Corporation in it, nor treate with them as a Corporation, nor receiue any Conveyance from your Corporation, but dealt with them onely as private persons, as knowinge full well it was neuer vested in the Corporation, though hee had sufficient notice of the Trust. Thus wishinge you all happinesse and prosperity, and desiringe you to take these thinges into seriouse consideracion, wee rest, Sirs, Your humble servaunts, John Knightbridge,* Rec' eccliæ SS. Trin: et S. Pet: Ric: Wine, Rect: Ecclis: Omnium Sanctorum." B. 25(9).

"I haue acquainted my atturney with the ofertures which you made me from the Mayor and Corperacion of Dorchester, who confermed me in my openion that I canot be secure by a beare desesting or letting fall of the suite, but I must nesesaryly haue a decree to establish me in the possession of the parsonage; if therfore they please to consent to such a decree, and can draw Mr. Wine and the other parties to the like consent, or at least can so order itt that such a decree may passe, though Mr. Wine doe not formaly and expresly declare his asent to itt, which perhaps he will not be persuaded to doe, I shall refere all other maters, and particularly that of the cost which I haue wrongfully been putt to, to my said

* John Knightbridge, B.A., Wadham College, Oxford, 1641, afterwards Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge; M.A. and D.D.; Rector of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, 1663—1670. Founded by his will, 1683, a Professorship of Moral Philosophy at Cambridge.

atturney, whose name is Mr. Daniell Vinnecombe, who will be in person in London towards the end of the terme, and I will giue him such instructions as you shall judg fayre and rasanable, and will bring the buisnesse, if there be the like cander on the other part, to an acapable concluson. In the meane time, whether this proposall take efect or no, it will be requesitt that the seuerall defendants make answer to my bill, acording to which answars ether the decree may be framed in case we agree, or my fuituer prossedings in Law may be reagulated if we happen to deffer. I am, sir, Your very affectinated friend and seruant,

Wa : Younge.

Golyton, Aprill 30th, 1666." B. 25(10).

The documents or papers in this bundle, not already named, are B. 25(3) Draft of Brief to be submitted to Counsel; B. 25(4) Brief with the opinion of Heneage Finch; B. 25(5) A statement of the case; B. 25(7) Petition of Richard Wine, and the Churchwardens of St. Peter's; and B. 25(8) Order for a Commission to take the plea, answer or demurrer of the Corporation to Young's Bill, in the Country. 13 Feb., 18 Charles II. (1665-6).

Henry Derby.

1647, May 14. "This day Mr. Henry Derby,* minister, came before this Company, and accepted of the Vicaridge of Seaton, with an addition of xx*li.* per ann. out of the Parsonage for this yeare to come; and that for his encouradgement the sayd Mr. Derby to haue the arreares due from the inhabitants for the parsonage teithes, which is about x*li.*, or as much as may be recovered of the sum." C. 9.

John Derby.

1648, July 7. "This day a minister, one Mr. John Derby,† was heere with Mr. Maior and the Company, about the Vicarage of Seaton in Devon, and would haue the Vicarage and an augmentacion. The Companyes answere is to haue him preach heere Saboth day come sennight." C. 12.

* Ordered to officiate at Witcombe, 29th October, 1646. (*Minute Books of Dorset Standing Committee*, p. 40.)

† One of this name was officiating at Shaftesbury, 24th March, 1646. (*Ibid.*, pp. 204, 260.)

James Munden.

1648, Apr. 21. "It is ordered that yf Mr. Munden,* now Mynister at Long Burton, bee free, and will accept of the Vickaridge of Ceton, he shall haue the vicaridge howse with all the profitts of the sayd viccaridge to teach the people and offitiat the cures of Ceton and Beere for one year, and that Mr. Richard Sauage be desyred to write vnto him for his answere." C. 12.

1648, Apr. 21. "It is ordered that whatsoever shalbe received from the Parsonage of Seton shalbe payd unto any mynister as shalbe provided to offitiat at Fordington, who shall haue the Viccaridge howse and twentie pounds per ann. out of the Impropriat Parsonage of Fordington, and that Mr. Ben be desyred to enquire out an able mynister for the place." C. 12.

Mr. Smyth.

1648, May 29. "This day one Mr. Smyth, a minister commended unto this Company by Mr. Walt. Young for Seaton Vicaridge, had this answere giuen unto him by this Company, that if he pleased to reside for some time at Seaton, and preach amongst them, so as satisfaction vpon experience may be giuen to the godly party of the Parish of his fittnes and abilityes; Vpon their certificatt in his behalfe wee will confer the Vicaridge vpon him, and either 10*l.* per ann. out of Seaton parsonage, or else the whole tithes of Seaton, vpon condicion the 20*li.* a year be payed vnto vs for the minister of Fordington." C. 12.

Fordington Parsonage.

About the year 1647 the town of Dorchester had purchased the Impropriate Rectory of Fordington, paying about £200 to procure the grant from Parliament, and £400 for buying out the existing lessee. It was a shortsighted speculation. The men of Fordington, after the sequestration of the Vicar, Giles Goldesbury,† refused to pay tithes to the various substitutes appointed by the County Committee,

* James Munden was officiating at Holnest and Hermitage in 1642, and subsequently at Long Burton, where he was buried 8th September, 1657. (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. iv., p. 260, 316.)

† Giles Goldesbrough, B.A., Wadham College, 1636, minster of Stinsford, 1652, signed the Articles 5th August, 1662, as Vicar of Stinsford, and was buried 3rd March, 1667. (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, Vol. vi, p. 233.)

so that there were three years' arrears due in February, 1648-9 (*Minute Books of the Dorset Standing Committee*, pp. 337, 449), and though an augmentation had been assigned on 6th January, 1646-7, for the increase of the minister's stipend, which was then but £40 per annum (*Ibid.*, p. 155), and though a voluntary addition of £20 per annum had been made by the town on 1st June, 1649, the inhabitants were not satisfied. On the Restoration the Rectory reverted to the Church of Sarum, and the purchase money was lost. (See also *ante*, p. 628.)

George Thorne.

1648, June 23. "At the motion of John Segar for a minister for Fordington, and his naming of Mr. Geo. Thorne,* It is agreed that if the parish or the honest people thereof shall vpon tryall approve of the sayd Mr. Thorne, and that Mr. Thorne will vndertake to performe all the offices belonging to a minister, that wee shall consent that he shall be their minister." C. 12.

1648, Aug. 7. "It is agreed that if Mr. Thorne shall not accept of the offer made him to be minister of Fordington, and declare his mind by Wednesday next of refusing it, that then Mr. Bayly Bury is desired to write vnto one Mr. Watts of Hampsheere, to desire his coming ouer hither as soone as may be, that wee may treatt with him to haue the sayd place." C. 12.

John Loder.

1649, Jan. 1. "It is agreed that Mr. John Loder,† now preacher at Fordington, shall haue paid vnto him, as an augmentacion of his mayntenance, the somme of twentie pounds per annum out of the proffitts of Fordington Parsonage, the first quarter's payment to be made to Mr. John Loder at Midsomer next, vidz., fiue pounds.

It is further ordered that if Fordington men will make

* George Thorne was or became minister at Weymouth. He was M.A. and late Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and on 7th January, 1647-8, was invited to settle in Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. (Moule's *Catalogue of Weymouth Charters*, etc., p. 199.)

† Upon the petition of the inhabitants of Fordington Mr. John Loder is permitted to officiate there, 8th February, 1648-9. (*Minute Books of the Dorset Standing Committee*, pp. 499, 501).

the Vicarage worth fiftie pounds per ann., that then Mr. Loder shall haue an addition of xxx*li.* per ann. made vnto him with the former xx*li.* per ann. And this payment to be made only to Mr. John Loder during his continuance there, and no longer. Provided that Mr. John Loder (according to Mr. Mayor's vndertaking) do submitt himselfe to be ordained minister, within three moneths, or as soone as by his age he be capable of ordinacion." C. 12.

1649-50, Jan. 28. "This day the charter for the Parsonage of Fordington was deliuered over to Mr. Gilberte Loder to bee carried to London, to produce it to the Trustees, and to bee at ordinary costs for the making good of the grannt, and to returne it and an accompt of his proceedings heereon to the Towne." C. 12.

1650, Nov. 29. "It is ordered and desired that Mr. Savage, the Steward of Fordington Parsonage, do pay vnto Mr. Richard Bury, Mayor, the somme of eight pounds which he expended for the repayring of the Vicaridge house at Fordington, seing he failes of being payd the same monny by any other hands." C. 12.

1650-1, March 14. "This day Mr. John Whiteway is desyred and ordered to be Steward for and to keep account of the monie receiued for the sale of the Impropriat Parsonage of Seaton, which was sould by the Cappitall Burgesses of this Burrough at the purchasinge of the lease of Forthington Parsonage, wherein was expended 500*li.*" C. 12.

1652, May 27. Fordington Parsonage and Glebe let for 3 years from Midsummer next, at £250 per ann., the tenants to allow straw and reede to cover the barn, stables and walls, and to discharge Church and Poore. [John Segar the previous tenant.] C. 12.

1653, Apr. 22. "To remember to treatt with Mr. Recorder at our Towne Sessions about the conveying of Fordington Parsonage to new trustees, and to take advice whether it may not bee settled vpon all the Capital Burgesses of this Towne." C. 12.

1653, Oct. 7. Thos. Knapton, son of Regnaldo Knapton, to haue a lease of 21 years of the house his father built and dwelt in at Fordington upon the Glebe, to commence on expiration of the lease which the town purchased of Mr. Foyle, which was in April, 1652. C. 12.

1656, April 4. "This day Mr. Loder of Fordington made Mr. Mayor and the Company acquainted that he was,

by the providence of God, likely to remove to London,* in case hee and his wife should like the aire, which yet they are vncertaine of; wherefore hee craves leave of the Company to retaine his propriety in Fordington vntil Michaelmas next, at which time hee will bee willing another should bee chosen in his place, in case hee shall not returne before; And that in the meane time hee will take order for supplying the cure without the charge or care of this Company." C. 12.

1656, April 30. "There was an answere giuen to Fordington men this day in order to their demands for more mayntenance to their minister, as followeth. That the Ordinance of Parliament hath giuen them but 40*l.* per annum, which hath bin duely payed to their minister ever since it became due, and it shall be continued to him hereafter. And that if, when they haue another minister, this Company will treatt with him and endevor to giue him satisfaction to the uttermost of their power, if hee shall aske more liberal mayntenance." C. 12.

1656, June 13. "There was an order agreed vpon by Mr. Mayor and Company, that there shall bee an augmentacion of twenty pounds per ann., ouer and aboue the forty pounds granted vpon the charter, from henceforward payed vnto such man as shall bee Vicar of Fordington, for his better encouradgement and mayntenance. And that in case the several sommes payable to the minister of Alhallowes and the assistant minister of Peter's or Fordington, shall come short by meanes of this said twenty pounds augmentacion, that then there bee an equal defalcation and abatement made proportionally out of all the several payments issuing

* He was placed at St. Bartholomew, Exchange, by Cromwell. "Loder brought with him into the Church a gathered congregation, which had previously met with Philip Nye, though in what locality is uncertain. The result was a long and rancorous feud between the old parishioners and the new intruding Separatist congregation, who usurped the parishioners' pews. Loder tried to induce the old parishioners to come into his church way. He even attempted to coerce them into it by refusing to administer the Sacraments and to baptise unless they joyned him in communion. On their side, the old parishioners attempted to coerce him by withholding their tithes." At a vestry held in July, 1660, "it was agreed and ordered that Mr. Loder . . . . should not preach any more in the said parish church." (Shaw, *The Church under the Commonwealth*, vol. i, p. 132 *et seq.*) He was a Morning Lecturer at Westminster Abbey, 1658-9. (*Ibid.*, p. 591.) Calamy, however, says he was "a valuable, worthy man." He died 30th December, 1673, and was buried at Bunhill Fields.

out of the sayd parsonage, excepting only such as belonge to the schole master, who shall receiue twenty pounds per annum, without abatement for rates or otherwise." C. 9.

1656, Oct. 17. As Mr. John Bushrode has managed the Parsonage of Fordington for three years without recompense, and has undertaken to pay £240 for the profits of it this year, and to pay all rates and taxes to Church and Poor, and the cost is to be allowed, he is to sow the glebe lands, and reap and take it next season and harvest. C. 12.

Joshua Churchill.

He was paid £20 for officiating at Fordington for the year ending 25th March, 1659, out of Tenths and First Fruits (Shaw's *Church under the Commonwealth*, Vol. ii, p. 586).

LICENCES TO NONCONFORMING MINISTERS.

1672, May 17. "This day Mr. William Ben produced his Majesties Licence to bee a Teacher of the Congregation allowed by his Majesty in the roome of Mr. Phillip Stansby in Dorchester, dat. 1mo May, 1672, for the vse of such as doe not conforme.

The same day Mr. Beniamine Way produced the like, for the howse of Wm. Heydon in Dorch., for the vse of such as do not conforme.

Mr. George Haimon produced the like for the Presbiterian persuasion in any place, 4 April, 1672.

Mr. George Hamon produceth two other Licences, dated the 8 day of May, 1672, one for the place, vizt., att Mr. John West's howse in Dorch., and John Marsh's howse.

Mr. Joshua Churchill produceth the like for himself, a Congregational Teacher, in his own howse in Dorchester."* C. 15.

* "1664 [December]. The names of the non-conforming ministers now living in Dorchester are Mr. Hammond, Mr. Walters, Mr. Sprint, Mr. Dammer, Mr. Benn, Mr. Tompson, Mr. Way, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Churchill. I hear of eight more within this month come to inhabite there." (*S.P.D.*, Chas. II, Vol. 107, No. 99). Their previous residences were:—Benjamin Walters (? Ridge, Herts, 1645-50), John Sprint (Portland), Edward Dammer (Wyke Regis), John Thompson (native of Dorchester, *cler. fil.*, died 4th March, 1675-6), Benjamin Way (West Stafford, died 9th November, 1680), and Christopher Lawrence (Winterbourne Came, buried at All Saints', Dorchester, 18th May, 1667).

Address to Charles II.

"To the King's Most Excellent Majestie. The most humble and hearty adresse of your Majesties dutifull, obedient and loyal Subiects, the Major, Recorder, Bayliffs, Aldermen, Capitall Burgesses, Common Councell, Freeholders, Freemen and other the Inhabitants of your Majesties Burrough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset att the Generall Sessions of the peace, held in and for the said Burrough on Wednesday, the last day of August, Anno xxxiijo Caroli ij*di*. R's, 1681. When wee reflecte vppon the miserable Condicion your Majesties Kingdomes were reduced to by the Insinuacions and Subtle Designes of Jesuits, Popish Preists and other pretending zealotts, theire instruments, and how God Almighty restored your sacred Majestie, and your Majestie our Laws and Libertyes, which ever since wee have so freely and peaceably enioyed, wee cannot but in a more then ordinary manner, some way suitable to such mighty blessings, returne our thanks to the King of Kings; and being sensible withall that the same designeing persons, or the spawne of them, are still too bussie in prosecuting the like purposes by false suggestions of arbitrary Government, and endeavoureing to alienate the affections of your Majesties Subiects in order to the same anarchicall end, which every good and loyall Subiect ought to avoide and hath greate reason to dread and detest;

Wee therefore, your Majesties dutifull and loyal Subiects, att this our first Generall Meeteing since your Majesties yssueing your late most gracious Declaracion, doe render vnto your Majestie our most humble and dutifull thankes for theis many solemne and renued assurances (which your Majestie hath beene pleased in greate condiscencion to make, of governing by the knowne Laws of this your Kingdoms both in Church and State, the contrary of which ill men make it theire bussines to suggest), and though wee come late in theis our most humble acknowledgements and thankefullnes, yett none shall bee before vs in loyaltye, being vnanimously resolved to hazard our lives and fortunes for the preservacion of your Majesties sacred person, your heires and lawfull successors, and the true Protestant Religion, as it is now established, against all attempts of any designeing partyes of what principalls soever they are, and wee doe assure your Majestie that whensoever in your princely wisdome you shall

please to summon a Parliament, wee will doe our best e deavours to send such Representatives for this Burrough shall bee men of vnsuspected loyalty to your Majestie and sound principles to the Government as it is now establish by law both in Church and State, and shall always pray f your Majesties long Life and happie Raigne over vs, and our prayers ioyne our vtmost endeavours against all wh shall attempt (which God forbid) to shorten the one or mol the other.

Tho: Strangwayes.
Richard Churchill.
George Lester.
Thomas Blandford.
Edward Dashwood.
Richard Long.
Edward Lester.
Joseph Gould.
Christopher Stoodly.
Arthur Gould.
Daniell Arden.
John Nelson.
Bartholemew Hoare.
Andrew Riccard.
John Winsor.
John Churchill.
Robert Rasker.
Samuell Williams.
John Gaylard.
Francis Harbin.
Wm. Locke.
John Haviland.
John Allen.
Richard Cooper.
Stephen Clarke.
John Glover.
Allen Lester, jun., } Clerks.
Wm. Glisson, } Clerks.
John Dowland, } Clerks.
John Tasker, } Clerks.

Nic. Gould, Major.
Hugh Hodges, Reco[rder].
Joseph Seward, } B[ailiffs].
Jn° Cradock, } B[ailiffs].
Alexander Haviland.
Gilbert Whiffen.
Andr. Loder.
Charles Stoodly.
John Oldis.

Robert Coker.
Wm. Derby.
Wm. Lock.
Henry Dolling.
Andrew Pur[chas].
Laurence Purch[as[.

[Hu]gh Croad.
Francis Gaylard.
Edward Roy.
Robert Norris.
John Coppock.
Richard Smith.
Robert Corben.
Morgan Harben.
Richard Gawler.
Symon Limbury.
Symon Bale.
Tho. Galler.
Richard Foy.
Alexander Byles.
Samuell Martin.
John Hillard.
John Jones.
Xpofer Powell.
Nicholas Dowell.
Edward Blethynden.
Mathew Hobbs.
John Downeton.
Mathew Read.
Edward Porter.
Symon Game.
Robert Fooke.
John Daw.
John White.
Henry Harbin.
Tho. Haviland.
Robert Russell.
Henry Polden.
Thomas Foy.
Wm. Compton.

John Meader.
Andrew Fooke.
John Parsons.
Samuell Bray.
Anthony *Astars* (?)
Stephen Chapman.
Wm. Mandefeild.
Hugh Munden.
Joseph Gigger.
Henry Shorto.
Joseph Purchase.
Guy Arden.
Joseph Underwood.
Thomas Meader.
Mathew Hutchins.
Bernard Wentworth.
Nicholas Hamlying.
Thomas Delacourt.
Robt. Colson.
Thomas Seward.
Thomas K[n]apton.
Joseph Seward, jun.
Jonathan Ledoze.
Henry Whiffen.
Samuell Foy.
Wm. Geale.
Andrew Hellard.
Ric. Bonger.
Henry Phelps.
Richard Marsh.
Wm. Clarke.
James Powell.
John Cardrow.
Thomas Snooke.
Wm. Pooke.
Henry Morey.
Thomas Salter.
Wm. Arnell.
Robert Cookeney.
Gabriell Gould.
Samuell Crisdy.

*Peter Fluellen.
Allen Lester, sen.
Wm. Gray.
Wm. Haydon.
John Croad.
John Levott.
John Pooke.
Henry Hillard.
Nath. Grindham.
Wm. Hayward.
Robert Lemon.
John Smith.
Max. Gollopp.
Wm. Browne.
Wm. Spracklyn.
Mel. Arnold.
John Thorne.
John Snooke.
Joshua Snooke.
Samuell Snooke.
Thomas Snooke.
Charles Coven.
Wm. Twisse.
John Reynolds.
Giles Morey.
Adam Smith.
John Keech.
Robert Phildue.
Wm. Gead.
Joshua Colson.
Jasper Colson.
Robert Seager.
George Young.
Charles Austin.
Joseph Russell.
Wm. Carrington.
Wm. Aland.
Robert Bunn.
Thomas Parsons.
Moses Snooke.
Wm. Martin.
Ralph Palmer.
George Gould.
Tho. Pall.
James Pall.
James Keech.
Tho. Allen.
Tho. Poulden.
John Taylor.
George Abbot.
Frederick Colson.
Edward Chepman.
George Lillington.
Edward Brothers.
Robert Cole.
Adam Tucker.
John George.
Robert Mocher.
Edward Devenish.
Humphry Larder.
Morrice Gauntlett.
Joseph Bishopp.
George Sherman.
George Stibbs.
John Gould.
George Pashen.
John Tuexbury.
Robert Young.
Edward Wyer.
Francis Hamlyn.
Robert White.
Tho. Knapton, jun.
Robert Pope.
Tho. Munden.
James Mandefeild.
John Michell.
John Wilse.
Lamas West.
Wm. Hutchins.
John Dashwood.
Mathew Haggard.
John Brooke.
Ralph Adams.
John Marsh.
Robert Sheppard.
Wm. Haggard.
George Gillett.
George (?) Maber.
Edmund Jewell.
Mathew Hoare.
Jeremiah Clarke.
Joshua George.
James Tuexbury.
Thomas Sandly.
Nic. Miller.
Israell Elliott.
John Bartlett.
John Locke.
Joseph Stickland.
Wm. Fooke.
Samuell Stibbs.
Richard Colle, sen.
Richard Cole, jun.
John Brine.
Wm. Mandefeild, jun.
James Wornell.
Wm. Pooke.
Wm. Munden.
Phillipp Bulgen.
James Mannell.
Richard Carrington.
Wm. Hobbs.
George Hillard.
Wm. Scriven.
Morrice Jenkins.
Wm. Dry, jun.
John Crimel.
Laurence Sheppard.
Peter Garrett.
John Gray.
Phillipp Bartlett.
John Woods.
Wm. Drewer.
Tho. Miller, sen.
George Gould.
Nathaniell Pane.
Henry Hillard.
Ambrose Way.
Thomas Newman.
Nicholas Rogers.
John Bushrod.
John Read.
Wm. Boise, jun.
John Michell.
Wm. Lillington.
Joseph Hillard.
Wm. Dry.
Joseph Stibbs.
Wm. Browne.
John Hillard.
Thomas Bryne.
John Long.
Ben. Galping.
Nath. Miller.
John Gawler.
Thomas Baker.
Wm. Morey.
Henry Hutchins.
Richard Burd.
Henry Alder.
James Gould.
Richard Young.
John Lilley.
John Winsor.
Wm. Boyse.
Sam. Martin.

John Haggard.
Tho. Lillington.
John Arnold.
Nicholas Shard.
Gabriell Gould.
Mell Cox.
Wm. Levott.
John Everton.
Sam. Allen.
Salathiell Norris.
Henry Aland.
Thomas Miller, jun.
James Baker.
Francis Marsh.

Richard Corne.
Anthony Read.
Wm. Fosse, jun.
John Haggard.
Samuell Turner.
John Templeman.
John Belman.
John Sheppard.
Wm. Panchard.
Roger Fooke.
John White.
Robert Locke.
Wm. New.
Ben. Fleming.

Joseph Turner.
Thomas Pouncy.
John Miller.
Wm. Channing.
Laurence Fulbres.
Edward Vincent.
Wm. Sheppard.
George Toogood.
Stephen Bryne, sen.
Wm. Eastmon.
Wm. Fosse, sen.
Harrey Young.
Robert Elliot.

C. 21.

An address of congratulation to George II., on the taki of Louisburg from the French, and other successes, includi "the demolition of the Piers in the Harbour of Cherbu a Harbour which exposed this part of the country to the great dangers," 14th September, 1758, and addresses to George I occur in C. 27, and others to George III., George IV. a William IV. in C. 42*a*.

Royal and other Visitors.

Charles II.

1665, Sept. 13. "Whereas vpon the consideracion the King's Majesties comming to this Towne, Mr. Maior a the Company, together with the Common Councell assembl themselves together, to raise a sum of money for the accomm dation of his Majestie, and herein they doe all agree that o hundred pounds may presently be taken up to supply t present occasion, and if there shall be any farther exper that the hundred pounds, and what ever else shall be expend shall be levied and raysed on the free men and inhabita of this Borrough by an equall rate. Robert Napper, Mai Richard Churchill, Arthur Gould and Wm. Warde, Bailei Thos. Dashwood, Will. Pitt, Jo. Seward, Alexander Hauila Gilbert Whiffen, Tho: Seward, John Symonds, The mark Gregory Alamott, Hugh Baker." B. 33*a* and C. 15.

1666, Aug. 3. "This day there was the Towne Se affixed to a bond of the penall sum of three hundred poun dated the xx^th^ of September last, for the payment of 15 15*s*. 6*d*. vnto Mr. William Pitt for the mony he disbursed order of this Company vppon the entertaynment of

Majestie, which mony is to be paid the xxjth of September next, whereof 143*li.* 4*s.* j*d.* was the principall mony disbursed, and the residew is for the interest." C. 15.

George III.

1789, June 26. "His Majesty intending to pass through this Town in a day or two in his way to Weymouth, and as in all probability he may during the time he is in this part of the Country frequently come into this Town, it is incumbent on the Mayor and Magistrates of this Boro' (as much as in them lyeth) to be particularly carefull that his Majesty do meet with no obstruction, nuisance, or other disagreeable inconvenience; Have therefore ordered the present Constables of the said Borough to be very vigilant in their duty on this occasion, and to take care that no carriages of any sort be permitted either to stand in the Streets empty, or to be passing through the Town, whilst his Majesty is within the limitts of this Boro', and to take care that all rubbish whatever be removed from the said Streets, and that peace and good order be preserved throughout the whole Town; And as the present Constables may not be able of themselves to perform the above duty, it is thought proper that the following additional persons be sworne Constables to aid and assist them on the above purpose (to wit), Mathew Baker, James Harvey, Mathew Banger, Edward Jones, George Read, William Finder." C. 42*a*.

Princess Victoria.

1833, Aug. 2. Locket, for ringing on occasion of the Duchess of Kent and the Princess Victoria passing thro' Dorchester (per order of the Mayor), £1 . 0 . 0.

Paid Oliver, Churchwarden of the Holy Trinity (per order of the Mayor) expenses incurred on the above occasion, £1 . 17 . 0. C. 46.

Judges.

1632, Dec. 26. Mr. William Whiteway to be desired to accept £20 for his great trouble and charge in "entertaining the judges for many years together." C. 9.

1639-40, Jan. 15. "Received a message from Mrs. Whiteway, per her sonne, Mr. Jon. Whiteway, who alsoe told it me from himself likewise, that the Judges canot any more be lodged att their house, which the Company was acquaynted with the same day." C. 12.

1640, June 12. "It is agreed that Mr. Whiteway, or any other where the Company shall agree that the Judges shalbe entertained at the Assises in this Towne, shall haue 40*s*. for entertaining the Judges for euery Assises." C. 12.

1640, July 31. "The Steward is appoynted to pay Mr. Whiteway 4*li*. for entertayning the Judges this yeare." C. 12.

1650-1, March 5. "It is ordered that the Serjants shall provide halfe a dozen of Capons or a Fatt Lamb to present to the Judges, together with a gallon of sack and two small sugar loaves." C. 12.

1656, July 18. "It was resolved that Mr. Bury and Mr. Bal. Stansby bee desired to ride to Blandford on Wednesday next, to invite General Desbrough to a priuat Lodging at Mr. Stansby's house, and that there bee a gallon of Sacke and a gallon of White and Clarret and a sugar loafe presented to him from the Towne, together with a fatt sheepe."

"That the Judges also be presented with a gallon of wine, two sugar loaves and a fatt sheepe." C. 12.

1656-7, March 6. "It is ordered that the like present which was sent to the Judges the last Assizes be sent to them this Assizes, in case the Lord Cheefe Justice Glyn do come, but if only Judge Warberton come and no other, then to present him with two sugar loaves and a gallon of wyne and nothing else." C. 15.

1657-8, March 12. "Yet is this day ordered that a present be sent to the Judges, a fatt mutton the best to be gott, two loues of Sugar, a pottle of Sacke and a pottle of Claret; that care be taken that the Judges men doe pay for their chambers but 5*s*. a man, and the towne to pay the rest." C. 15.

1659, July 27. "It is agreed that the Judge be presented with two sugar Loaves, and wyne, and a sheepe." C. 15.

1661-2, Feb. 28. "It is ordered that there shall be a present giuen to the Judge now at the Assizes, one fatt sheepe, a pottle of sack, a pottle of clarrett, and a sugar loafe." C. 15.

The Bishop.

1637, July 28. "It is agreed that the Bishop be entertained at his Visitacion, and be sent vnto Bristoll and invited before hand as sone as conveniently may bee; and it is resolu'd to move Mr. Dashwood to lodge him, and Mr. Maior at a publike charge to entertayne him, and towards it Mr. Maior, Mr. Bond, Mr. B. Maber, Mr. P[erkins], Mr. G[ould], Mr. D[erby], Mr. S[avage], Mr. B[ury], Mr. A[llambridge], Mr. Edw. D[ashwood] haue agreed to pay 5*l*. 10*s*., by 10*s*. a peece."

1637, Aug. 2. "Agreed to send to the Bishop to invite him Monday senight." C. 12.

1673, June 2. "This day the Company met here att the Hall to consider whether itt were conuenient to inuite the Lord Bishop of these Dioces, the said Bishop being come to Stinsford to make his abode ther for some time, and itt was agreed that he should be inuited by the present Mayor, Mr. Benj. Gould, to his one house, and in consideracion wherof this Company haue ordered that the said Mayor shall be allowed fiueteene pounds, and one Barrell of the Best beare, and a Barrell of 4*d*. Beare, and his charges to be paid him by the Towne Steward." C. 15.

Lord Holles.

1661, Oct. 28. "It is ordered that my Lord Holles be presented with a gallon of sack and two gallons of French wine at his coming to Towne, and a sugar loaf." C. 15.

1668, June 19. "The Honourable Lord Holliss being shortly to come to this Towne, this Company orders for a present to his Honnor six quart glass Bottles of Canary, six Bottles of Clarratt and six Bottles of whit whine and six Ranish and two small fine sugar Loafes; that Mr. Hauiland, Towne Steward, pay for the same." C. 15.

Other Festivities.

1673-4, Jan. 9. "That there be allowed for the charge of the Grand Jury and Constables on Friday next thirteen shillings and fower pence; and all the Company doe agree to dine at the George that day at a Twelve-penny Ordinary." C. 15.

1708-9, Feb. 18. "It is this day agreed by the majority of the Mayor, Bayliffes, Aldermen and Burgesses of this Borough, that henceforth noe publicke entertainment att any Inne within this Borough shall be att any Generall or Quarter Sessions for this Corporation, or the Grand Jury and Constables, but what entertainment shall be the Mayor for the time being to be att the expence thereof." C. 7.

1714, Aug. 3. "Att a Meeting of the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses it is ordered that Mr. John Gollop, the Town Steward, do pay vnto Mr. Francis Hamlyn the bill due for wine to him at proclaiming the Peace with France, and that he pay for six bottles of wine to be drunk this day at the proclaiming the King, and for candles to illuminate

the Cupola, for fifty furse faggotts and half hogshead of ale" ["beer" erased]. C. 7.

1716, May 25. "Then ordered that Mr. Josiah Cooper, the Town Steward, do provide half a hogshead of ale and half a hundred of furse faggotts for Monday next, being the Birth Day of our Sovereign Lord King George, and pay 5*s*. to the Ringers for that day, and 5*s*. for the next day, being the 29th of May." C. 7.

The Jubilee of George III.

At a meeting held in the Guildhall, 18th October, 1809, under the presidency of the Mayor, it was resolved unanimously That the approaching anniversary of His Majesty's Accession to the Throne (being the fiftieth year of his Reign) be observed in this Town with a becoming expression of joy and gratitude. That the Inhabitants do attend Divine Service, and that a subscription be opened for contributing to the comfort of the Poor of the several parishes in this Town, and enabling them to partake of the general festivity; to be distributed at the discretion of a Committee appointed for that purpose. That there be no public Dinner or Illumination. An address was also presented to the King on the occasion. C 42*a*.

Administration of Justice.

The Borough Court or Court Baron, and the Court Leet.

The earliest notice in these records of a Borough Court occurs in 1337, when perquisites of Courts are mentioned in the Inquisition taken in that year, p. 8. The next mention is found in the fourth enrolment in the Domesday, when Cristina Dilvertones appeared before the Bailiffs at the Court held on 10th May, 1395, and claimed to have free seisin of her late father's tenement, p. 117. This was the ordinary Court of the Town, and, from the Bye-laws of 1414, appears to have been held on Mondays, at intervals of three weeks.

The Court Leet and View of Frank Pledge was held twice a year, on the Monday next after Michaelmas, when twenty-four lawful men of the Town elected the two Bailiffs, and on the Monday the eighth day after Easter, in Hocktide. *See* the Bye-laws of 1414, at p. 112.

At a View of Frank Pledge, 2nd October, 1447, the custom as to actions arising in the Town was presented by the twelve jurors, and the Charter of 1485 grants or confirms the privilege

that all personal actions, causes and complaints, not exceeding 40s., should be heard and determined in the Borough Court.

From this time, apart from incidental notices in the Domesday enrolments, a long silence ensues, which is not broken until 2nd October, 1727, when a collection of presentments at the "Court Leet and Law Day and View of Frank Pledge" are found, extending from that date until 5th October, 1789, referring to various defects and nuisances existing in the streets. Thus, 3rd May, 1731, "the Town Well on Bullstake wants cleaning," and the Town Hall is "kept in a slovenly and indecent manner"; 30th September, 1734, "the pavement in the Butter Market and on the Corn Hill is "very defective"; 1st May, 1732, "the street against the burned Gardens" requires amending; 1st April, 1735, "the pitching of the Bulstake is also much decayed which ought to be repaired by the Town Steward"; and "the highway, called South Streete from the end of Mr. Chaldicott's Malt-house and the Town Brewhouse, on both sides of the way to the end of the street leading to Fordington fields," is "very ruinous and in great decay." The jurors also present four persons to serve as Constables for each of the three parishes, and presentments are made by Constables, Assizers of Bread and Beer, Viewers of Flesh and Gashes in Hydes, Searchers and Sealers of Leather, Serjeants at Mace, Beadle and Hayward. C 31 and C 32.

The papers contain numerous lists of Resiants in the three parishes.

Other presentments comprise, 7th May, 1753, "the Corporation well at the corner of the Sheep Lane, which is now covered with rubble"; 29th April, 1754, "the shoots of Trinity church, which annoy the people passing"; 3rd May, 1756, "the Town well (Trinity parish), at the end of Sheep Lane, a bad standard"; "the well on the Bull stake (St. Peter's parish), bad standards"; 30th April, 1759, "Trimble, the Locksmith, for having his forge on a boarded floor"; 30th April, 1770, "we present . . . Neale, for ingrossing of fish within the said Borough."

On 30th September, 1776, twenty-four persons were nominated "to be the Grand Jury for the said Leet and the General Quarter Sessions to be held at the Assize or Shire Hall within the said Borough, Monday the 7th of October, 1776."

Another bundle of Court Leet papers, extending from 1790 to 1818, is numbered C. 43, and contains a collection

of similar presentments. The officers already mentioned continue to be appointed at the Michaelmas Court, with the exception that on 5th October, 1801, no Viewers of Gashes in Hydes are chosen, but the entry is made, "Managed by Inspectors appointed by an Act, Geo. 3rd." On 5th October, 1807, allusion is made to the "Play House," and "the Lane leading from the Guild Hall to the new Play House" in St. Peter's parish. In 1818 the rule is laid down that no horse is to remain in the streets for the purpose of dressing or cleaning. Freeholders who did not answer to their names when the list was called were amerced 1*s*. each, affered to 6*d*., and Resiants 6*d*., affered to 3*d* each. The Constables, Assizers of Bread and Beer, and Viewers of Flesh were appointed for the last time in 1877. No Court Leet has been held since 17th October, 1881, when a Hayward was appointed for the year ensuing.

The following are taken from some of the Corporation Minute Books :—

1630, Apr. 14. Mr. Richard Savage, draper, Henry Maber, clothier, and Henry Bridges, clothworker, appointed to search and seale all clothes (*i.e.*, woollen cloth) within the Borough. C. 9.

1641, Aug. 11. "This day Mr. Maior did elect Henry Bridges and Edward Brag to be Searchers and Sealers of cloth within this Borough, and did sweare them for the due execucion of their offices in these words : You shall well and truly execute your office of Searcher and Sealer of cloth within this Borough for one yeare now to come, or vntill an other shall be chosen and sworne in your place, according to your best skill and knowledge as neere as God shall giue you grace. Soe help you God." C. 12.

1658, Oct. 29. Edward Jones, Hugh Baker and Lawrence Righton, were sworn Weighers of Bread and Assizers of Beer. William Gillingham and Richard Marsh, Searchers and Sealers of Leather. Henry Daw and Charles Allen, for Gashers of Hides. Will. Locke and Henry Powncy, Viewers of Flesh. C. 15.

The Borough Justices of the Peace.

Many interesting illustrations of the social life of the Borough may be derived from C. 8, 15th July, 1629, to 16th October, 1637, continued by C. 11 to 22nd November in the latter year. These records, which really form one

volume, treat of offences dealt with by Justices of the Peace, that jurisdiction having been given to the Bailiffs and their immediate predecessors and the Recorder by James I. in 1610, and to the Mayor and others by Charles I. in 1629. *See ante*, pp. 42, 58. The statute of Elizabeth, requiring attendance at church, was enforced with a strong hand, not only absentees, but those who came late, or departed before the sermon was over, were fined.* Some of the most striking incidents are found in the examinations of travellers who, unfortunately for them, came within the clutches of the Constables. It was of no avail that they alleged that they were graduates of Cambridge, Doctors of Physic, or even sons of Baronets, and if they could not produce a "Pass," which the Mayor and Bailiffs adjudged to be genuine, they were whipped and sent from tithing to tithing to the place of their nativity. A few allusions to the exodus to New England, favoured by Rev. John White, occur, and some cases of witchcraft. But the bulk of C. 8 is occupied by the fining of drunkards and tipplers, profane swearers and absentees from church. Butchers were forbidden to kill, dress or expose for sale flesh during Lent or other fastdays, and the making of malt was strictly regulated. The womenkind also were not neglected, and when exhortations failed, were ordered to be "plounced" in the river Frome. The inhabitants, to judge from this book, found a congenial pursuit in laying informations one against another. No sooner had a remark escaped the lips of a Dorchester man or woman, reflecting on a fellow townsman, than a sworn information was laid before the Mayor, and the offender bound over to answer at the next General Sessions of the Borough. The particulars, now selected, form a mass of examples which speak for themselves. They are all taken from C. 8.

1629, July 29. "Sarah, the daughter of Benjamyn Derby, saith upon oath that on Monday last she heard Anthony Wood call her brother Matthew Swaffeld 'hollow harted,' and that he would see the Towne beaten downe rather then he would live in such a base Towne; he [*sic*] said also that the said Wood said to her brother that his hart was so hollow that the Divell might dance in it."

* The fines received from offenders, from 1st October, 1632, to 1636, with a few depositions or examinations in September and November, 1637, are entered in C. 24. The Constables' account of "Offenders' money," Michaelmas, 1673, to Michaelmas, 1674, amounting to £2 19s. 6d., is written on a piece of paper, C. 18.

1629, Aug. 3. "Christofer Way on his oath saith that yesterday in the morning about viij of the clock complaynt being made to him, he being a churchwarden, that Leonard Miller's people were at Brewing, this examinant came vp into Constable Maber's barton, and through the grates saw Leonard Miller's men busye about their work in their *ordering*(?) their wort. Whervpon this examinant asked them what day it was, and whether it were a day fitt to brew on. They answered they had almost done. And whiles this examinant was there the said Leonard Miller came and demanded this examinant what he would do, and this examinant said he must present [the] offence: then the said Miller answered that yf he did, he, the said Miller, knew the worst of it, it was but tenne groats, it was no more than drinking a quart of wyne in an inne or alehowse."

1629, Aug. 3. "Thomas Devenish on oath saith that he hath often forbidden John Gape of this Borough to play at the ball in the prison court; the said Gape came thither again on Winsday last, and the said Tho. Devenish having reproved him and his company and put them out of the prison court, the said Gape and his company by his meanes retorned againe presently and would play there in despight of the said Tho. Devenish, and wished that he had the said Gape out into the streete, and the said Gape since abused this examinant's daughter in words and scoffes."

1629, Aug. 8. "Dorset. Whereas I haue lately received a Commission of Rebellion, a Writt of assistance, and another writt upon the Statute of Northampton to disarme diuers persons which are in the said Comission of Rebellion. These are therefore to will and require you whose names are heere vnder writen, and twenty other more sufficient persons, howsholders, inhabitants of the Towne of Dorchester which my vndersheriff shall and doth nomynate, appoynt and warne to come and appeare personally before me att the signe of the Lyon in Shaftbury within this County on Wednesday next, being the twelveth day of this moneth of August, by two of the clock in the afternone the same day at the farthest tyme, and there to bee ready with your necessary and sufficient armes to attend and bee assisting vnto me in all things dilligently as becometh you and every of you according vnto the said writts and my command on that behalfe, whereof faile

you not as you tender his majesty's service, and will answeare the contrary at your vttermost perilles. Given vnder my hand and seale this 8 day of Au : An'o 5 Reg's Caroli, 1629. Thomas Still, Vic : + Reinoldo Knapton, vndershiriff, Richard Blachford, merchant, and Will'm Whiteway, Ju :, merchant, Bailiffs of the towne of Dorchester or one of them to come, + Henry Maber, Clothier, Constable, + Denys Bond, merchant, John Parkins, marchant, + Joseph Paty, Clothier, Will'm Paty, Clothier, &c. More warned by Roberte Warman, the shiriff's Bailiff, by vertue of the said warrant [34 more names follow]. These persons marked with a cross went accordingly."

1629, Aug. 21. John Allombrig, Constable, "sayth that vpon Wensday last in the morning, when the watchmen for the night past came to this examinant to be discharged, whoe were Rychard Smith, John Pollerd, Wm. Sanwey, [John Downton] an apprentice of Hugh Gape's, John White and Marke Hodder, in short time after being discharged and gone one of the same company, viz. Rychard Smith, came back to this examinant and told him that the rest aboue named were gone to Adam Smith's to drinke, and had already drank some 2*d.* or 3*d.*, and thervpon this examinant went vnto Adam Smith's house, and found them tipling all the same company, but that Raphe Hutton slipt out of the dores. There was found Beere and Tobacco on the Table and they confessed that they had dronke some 4*d.* in Beere." Will. Sanway, barber, Richard Smyth, John White and John Downton were all "stockt" for tippling on this occasion.

1629, Aug. 28. "John Facy of Dorchester sware by God twice and by God's woundes this day fortnight at Christofer Edmonds' at Dorchester."

1629, Aug. 29. Examination of Richard Wolsey, who alleged he was born at Stafford, co. Stafford, and is Vicar of Walton upon the Hill, Surrey, and last Midsummer went into Ireland to his brother's son, and is now travelling back from Devonshire.

1629, Sept. 23. "Thomas Barnes, a stranger of Cumberland, living masterles about the Towne, is inioyned to get him a master in covenant within fortnight next."

1629, Sept. 30. "The examinacion of Nathaniel Couth, servant to John Couth, taken before Barnard Toup and Will'm Whiteway, the yonger, Bailiffs of the Borough afore-

said, Who being demaunded what words he heard his kinswoman, Mr. Coothe's wife, speake concerning Mr. G. Loder, he saith that he doth remember that she called him Knave: and that the said Coothe's wife, being sent for to come to hale, she sent word by this examinant that she was not fitt to come; and being likewise demaunded where he heard his kinsman Cooth say that he did wish he were hanged rather than he would stand with his hatt of before Mr. Bailiff Whiteway, he answeared that he remembred that his kinsman said he disdayned to shew him any reuerence, save only by the King's authoritye in the Towne, and saith also that he doth not remember that his kinsman said that ther were noe honest men in Towne save Mr. White* and Mr. Gould, and doth not remember that his kinsman called Mr. Bailiff Whitewaye Knave. And farther saith that the said Mr. Coothe's wife said that she would rather beleive any drunkerd in Chard than any puritants of Dorchester, or words to that purpose, and being also demaunded wher he hard Mr. Cooth or his wife say that Mr. Bond was like an old Crowder on her Country this examinant saith he did not."

1629, Oct. 9. "This day yt was testefied by the oathes of Rychard Burie and Raphe Perrin, Constables of the same, before Mr. Maior that Winter Grant, Esquire, was found dronk within this Borough about one of the Clock in the night last past, in the house of Thomas Foxwell at the Crowne, and hath paid by the hands of Thomas Foxwell aforesaid by his appointment, viz. by the appointment of the said Winter Grant, the som of five shillings for the vse of the pore according to the law," &c.

1629, Oct. 9. John Cawpen, of North Litchet, "saith that he came from Ireland about some 20 weekes since, and in all this time hath liuen about Frampton and in this Borough at Clement Bayliff's, and hath taken vppon him to cure divers ruptures in men and children here about, and made trusses for that purpose, and saith he had a passe vnder the handes of Sir George Trenchard and Sir Thomas Freake to travaile into Ireland to some frends there, but canot shew any such passe nor any other for his passing vp and down the contrey, for which, being by the lawes found to be a wandering person, he is sent to the house of correccion, having acknowledged

* References to John White and William Benn, taken from C. 8, are already printed at pp. 594 and 615.

that he hath not had any certain dwelling or abode this many yeres, but wandered vp and down the countrey."

1629, Oct. 16. "Robert Harris, absent from his parish church at Trinity Saboth day last at evening service and sermon, confessed and excused it by saying he went to Charmister to fetch work, which excuse was not allowed reasonable, therefor to pay xij*d.*; promised to pay it forthwith."

1629, Nov. 5. Examination of Peter Lamsden, who said that at the age of 15 he was of the University of Cambridge about 7½ years, is now 24 years old, and hath an uncle in co. Glouc. who having two livings desired that this examinant should have one of them, etc.

1629, Nov. 30. "Alice Budden, Alice Glover, Emm. Gardner, Elioner Burd, and Ursula Bull, skolds, being this presente day all questioned before Mr. Bailiff for calling names and misusing one another, ordered when they skold or vse such speech againe either of them to be plownced."

1629, Dec. 15. Towards clothing and providing victuall for the poore against Chrismas:

Offendors' mony	..	..	.. 06 . 15 . 3
Profitt of the Fast mony		..	.. 12 . 15 . 5
Given by Mris. Jone Gould, vid.			.. 01 . 10 . 0

Divided among the three parishes, and paid to the Overseers.

1629, Dec. 29. Examination of Thomas Whitle of Dorchester, clothier, "who saith that on the 28th day of December last Stephen Pressly came vnto him into his owne house and questioned this examinant by what authority he did present him, the sayd Presly, to the Court at Blandford for not receiving the Sacrament at Easter, and by what authoritie this examinant would compell him to come to Church and to tarry the service and sermon, and told this examinant that he would not come at all, but yf he did, he sayd he would continue but time of divine service and no more, and bid this examinant looke vpon the Cannons to see what he ought to doe, and said also farther to this examinant that John Dounton [of Fordington] would make as good a sermon as some of them" [or "as Mr. Ben"].

1629-30, Jan. 4. "Mawrice Vile and Katherine his wife (Irish people), taken in this Towne, as Vagarent Rouges, haueing heer received punishment, are sent from tithing to tything."

"Frances Medcoth, taking heer as a Vagrent by wandring

about the Country with George Holcroft, and living incontinently with him, burned in the left shoulder with the letter (R) and sent to Ripping in Yorke' which, as she affirmed, was the last place of her abode."

1629-30, Jan. 12. Anthonie Olevian, Physician, found drunke within the Borough.

1629-30, Jan. 15. "Hugh Baker, Currier, of this Borough, was complaynd of to Mr. Maior that he went out of church yesterday at Morning Prayer before prayers were ended, and confesseth the same, and is censured to sit in the stocks two houres for his misdemeanor."

1629-30, Feb. 15. Recognisances entered into by butchers not to "kill or sell or offer to sell by themselves or any other any manner of flesh prohibited by the law during the tyme of Lent."

1629-30, Feb. 22. "Martyn Spring and divers others complayned of for Forestallers of wood and turves."

1630, May 8. "A triall of Leather, made on Satterday, the 8th of May, 1630, by the oathes of Thomas Lacie, jun., Edward Ash, Robert Lawrence, jun., Phillip Lokier, Wm. Facie *alias* Scholler, Nycholas Baker, jun., who say on theire oathes that one hide of Leather of William Hodges [tanner] of Cearne is vnsufficiently tanned in the whole thereof, and doe value the same hide at viij*s*."

1630, May 19. "William Lambert, sonne of Roberte Lambert, for almost strangling Richard Lacyes apprentice at Church Saboth day last at sermon, to be questioned at Sessions."

1630, June 3. Malsters are "warned to desist from wetting any barly to convert into mault ten dayes next ensuinge, and afterwards to be ordered by certen lymitacions."

"Md. it was this presente day ordered that the Common Brewers shall sell good beare after the rate of 12*s*. the hoggshed the best, and 8*s*. the barrell, and small beer at 4*s*. 6*d*. the hoggshed and 3*s*. the barrell, and soe at the same rates."

1630, June 12. "Hugh French, apprentice to Will'm Parks, for his abuse yesterday, there having ben some difference betwene John Ridwout and his wife, spake concerning a horse for the next neighbour to ride, saying [to] the neighbor 'yow had leaped ouer the ram's head,' which he confessed."

1630, June 12. "Natha: Bower testifieth vpon his oath that Anne Samwayes, widow, being in the market, did call to a man to sell her some wheate, and the man answeared

that it was sold, therevpon this examinant replyed that yf they were served aright they should be served as they were in France to cut holes in their baggs, for that they sold all to the millers."

1630, June 15. "Albion Bull testifieth vpon oath that George Brine (the wachman), being with the Cunstable in giveing his charge to the wach, he said that the Towne should be as well served tomorrow as to day, and that the Towne was served with a company of boyes, and that he did then much disturbe the Cunstable in executing his office about giving charge to the wach."

1630, June 23. "John Graunt vpon oath, yesterday comyng from Waymouth [Robert] George demaunded of Pouncy where he beloed like a calfe; he said he was a man, and George said he was a puppy: then Pouncy alighted from his horse, and after diuers speeces George strake Pouncy with a Cudgell," &c.

1630, July 31. "Tobias Hooke, gent., did this present day sweare 7 oathes blasphemously by the name of God within this Borough, and also was the same time dronke," &c.

1630, Aug. 9. "Geo. Sampson, bodymaker, apprentice in London with the Queene's bodymaker, is to bring a testymonyall before fortnight hence, else to be committed."

1630, Oct. 7. "Edward Miller for playing at the Church and disturbing the people in the tyme of divine service, his master, Richard Stevens, is to correct him for it, and Constable Williams must see it well done, and for his next offence to be punished at hall."

1630, Oct. 11. "Richard Hilgrove for default in watching ordered to pay for his default xij*d*. towards the watch to the Constable."

1630, Oct. 15. "James Orchard, dwelling in Brodewinsor in the countey of Dorset, pettichepman, who hath exercised the same trade about a month, came from home to [*blank*] on Wensdy last to Sir John Strangways house at Melbery, and thenc the same day to Evershot, and lay there all that night; the Thursday he went to Sir John Strode's and to Sidlin and thenc to Charmister, and lay there all that night, and came this morning to Towne, to bestow some mony with Thomas Lucas, and thence is purposed to travaile toward Corfe Fayre which is on Monday next to sell bone lace and bands and such like commodyties."

"James Orchard, being punished for his offence, is sent by passe to Broadwinser."

1630, Oct. 20. "John Rasker, being heertofore licensed to make three quarters of mault weekely, hath sithence exceeded the quantity, he is now vtterly supprest from making of mault henceforth vntill he shall be farther licensed."

1630, Nov. 23. "The informacion of Mr. Samuel Whetcomb of Taunton, and of Mr. Ralph Bayly of Manchester, who upon oath say that they heard Thomas Jarvis of Lyme say the last night within this Borough that all the Proiectors for New England Busines are rebells, and those that are gon over are Idolaters, captivated and seperatists; and they wishinge him to take heed what he said, yet hee spake it often and said he would mainetaine it before the Councell, if they dare to ride away to morrow morninge, and further he said that the Magistrates of Lyme weare shewmakers, and beinge demaunded by these examinants what he ment by those wordes, he said they weere a Company of Hipocrites and Disemblers."

1630, Nov. 29. "Raph Perrin hath of wheate in his barne 300 bushells, and of barley there in store 640 bushells, hath in his house and family 17 persons certaine, is allowed for his household eighty bushells of wheate, and of barley to spend in his house 100 bushells; he hath sold vnto Mr. Ball. Bond for the pore of the Towne 100 bushells of wheate, and is ordered to bring into the market weekely, or to sell so much to the pore of the Towne and make yt appeare to be so, two bushells of wheate; and of Barley is allowed for sowing of 80 acres 320 bushells of barley, and for his houshold as before 100 bushells; and ther remayneth 220 bushells of barley, and is ordered to bring weekely into the market, or to sell vnto the pore of the Towne, a sack of barley euery fortnight, and the rest he is allowed to make into mault." (This is a specimen of seven orders made by the Court at this date.)

1630, Dec. 13:—

	£	s.	d.
"Offenders' money" for two years	17	8	11
"To be received from the Brewhouse for the profitt of the C*li.* of the fast mony and overplus of Whetstone's mony" ..	11	12	0
Total	£29	0	11
Of the above, three sums of £9 . 13 . 7 were paid to the Churchwardens of the three parishes for the poor	29	0	9
More paid for Offenders' mony		9	10
"More laid out by Mr. Bailiff Savage out of the purse to make vp an even some, and to take vp out of offenders' mony" ..		9	5
Summe	£30	0	0

So there is now appoynted to be distributed to each parish, £10.

1630-1, Feb. 2. "Mathias Mellege,* minister, being very disordered, and did abuse Mr. Baylifes with his hands playing with their faces, and calling the Constable Hiet "the vage end of an officer," was fined 5*s*.

1630-1, Feb. 16. "Thomas Galton's wife was this day charged not to tiple any more within this Borough without licence, and her husband being in prison she is comaunded to acquaint him therewith." [Several other similar orders.]

1630-1, March 14. Examination of Roger Honiborne taken on oath, "whoe sayth that on Friday the xjth of March, 1630, Rob: Hoskins and Thomas Wayte were in Mr. Angell Greyes grownds of Kingston, and fished in his waters and tooke fish there, and this examinant forbid them from Mris. Grey, and willed them to put in the fish againe, but they would not, but contynued fishing there two howers after, and came as far as Mr. Greyes yeate, and much fish being before in Mr. Greyes pond now little is to be found there."

1631, Apr. 9. "Triall of the neck of a hide of Andrew Rose of Shilling Oakeford, Tanner, seised by Edward Ash and Richard Lacy, searchers and sealers of leather." The Jury (six men) found "that the whole neck, &c., is insufficiently tanned."

1631, May 9. "Ed: Hill for going out of his parish Churche one Saboth daye last in the midell of services to maye."

"Mary Tuxbery, for scoulding att the sargences when they did goe about for mersments, is ordered to be plownsed when the wether is warmer."

1631, May 17. Christopher Baker, aged twelve years, a scholar of Trinity College, Oxford, who had wandered about for years getting aid from scholars and ministers, "went to the Schoolmaster of the towne and Usher and so to Mr. White's house for relefe, but had none at all," is sent back to Oxford, his birthplace.

1631, July 13. "Francis Guy testifieth that on the Sunday after Midsomer day last Thomas Sowthy, shoomaker, caried abroad a paire of new boots to sell to Cap. Roberte Brown to Godmaston, and he doth vsually either send or cary abroad boots and shooes on the Saboth daye to be sold, and he made price of them x*s*."

* Matthias Milledge, son of John Milledge, of Dorchester, gent.; matriculated at Oxford, 3rd November, 1626, aged 17, from Wadham College; B.A., 27th January, 1628-9, from Hart Hall.

1631, July 25. "Examynacion of Edmund Cage of t City of London, Surgeon, whoe saith that he dwelleth in S Giles' parish by Cripplegate in London, and there exercise his arte of a surgeon, and hath lived there ever since t Isle of Ree expedicion, and the cause of his coming from Lond is for that he is going towards Plymouth, to seek a place goe to sea, surgeon in some merchant voyage . . . and bei examined concerning a misdemeanour of cheating laid to h charge in the City of London, he acknowledgeth that abo two yeares and half since he was accused for such a cryme London . . . but denieth that he was guilty. . ." "Committ to Gaole for want of suerties *pro bono gestu.*"

1631, Aug. 3. "Edmund Cage vpon his second examin cion confesseth that this examinant did vpon examinaci confesse that he was the man that did cheate the men of t mony for which Captayne Clovell was apprehended a accused, and for that he, this examinant, was bownd ov to the Sessions at Middlesex, but that this examinant did n do the fact." Bound in xx*li.* to appear at the Middles Sessions in Mich. term.

1631, Aug. 29. "Michaell Colliford was absent yesterd in afternoon from the parish Church of All Saints and we a nutting the whole afternoone till 6 of the Clocke."

"Thomasine Blewett, widow, for coming late to Chur yesterday was senight to pay 12*d.* and for non payment to comitted."

1631, Dec. 12. Monies to bee distributed towards clothi and victualing the poore against Chrismas now coming, viz

	£	s.
Offenders' money	9	11
Out of the Brewhouse Stock	10	0
The overplus of the profit of £200 (out of the Brewhouse) of the money belonging to Whetstone's Almshouse	4	18 1
Delivered by Mr. Whiteway, Maior, to make up the sum ..		
	£24	10

Of this, To Overseers of Peter's parish	8	3
" " Trin. parish	8	3
" " All Saints' parish	8	3
Lost by light gould		
	£24	10

1631, Dec. 12. "Rec'd this day of Mr. Gilbert Loader as a guift of Mrs. Jone Gold, widow, deceased, for the cloathing of pore widows for this Borough some of xxxs., which 30s. was imediately distributed to eache of the Ouerseers of the three parishes the some of xs. a peice for the same vse."

1631-2, Jan. 23. "Thomas Walden, clockmaker, confesseth his departing out of his parish church at All Saints yesterday, being Sabbath day in the evning prayer time and sermon, but excuseth himself that he was taken with a fit of sicknes, and stayd as long as possible he could without the dore, purposing to come in again but could not, and after went home vnto his house. Alexander Bennet sitteth in the seate with him, whoe knoweth he vseth to keepe the church ordynarily. Excused."

1631-2, Feb. 20. "Robert Sansom confesseth that on Munday, being Shrove Munday last, hee did challenge and had of Peter Mounsill, one of the Free Schoole schollers boarded at Mr. Will'm Whiteway the younger his howse, two shillings and seaven farthings, pretending that he had broken his glasse windowes with a gunn which he shott in and a pusland dish, which he afterwards confessed to be vniustly challenged, and confesseth that at the same tyme he did sweare one oath by the name of God."

1631-2, Feb. 27. "Roger Rockwell warned not to regrate any more victuall or ingrosse any more."

1632, Apr. 13. "An Inquest vpon the death of John Degonia, a Biskiner, prisoner in his Majesties Goale at Dorchester and a condemned man." Died *ex visitacione Dei*.*

1632, Apr. 13. "Margaret Brine on oath sayeth that this present day she heard Jane Bendfeild, widow, call Richard Keate's wife jade, saying, 'You old jade, you will bee in Bridewell before mee.'"

1632, May 14. "Elioner Butler of Hasten in Sussex, coming to this towne with Katheryn Peragus the last night, sayeth on oath that she mett the said Katheryn in the towne

* By the Charter of Richard III., the Town possessed the right of appointing its own Coroner. See *ante*, p. 30.

1767, Oct. 26. "Resolved that all Inquests, taken by the Mayor as Coroner, for which a Fee of twenty shillings is payable by the Treasurer of the County, be prepared by the Town Clerk as assistant to the Mayor for the time being, for which the Town Clerk shall be intitled to six shillings and eight pence out of each Fee, and the Mayor to the residue." C. 27.

of Hasten about three weekes sithence, in an Alehowse there, kept by one Thomas White, the signe of the Alehows was the Greene Dragon, and further this examinant sayeth that the Maior of Hasten is a tall man, middle aged, and hath a yellow beard, and this examinant sayeth that she verily beleiveth that the said Peragus came to the Porte of Hastens by water, and further this examinant sayeth that the said Katheryne Peragus had the Passe she travaileth by of the Maior of Hasten, whose name shee conceiveth to bee Thomas White, and that John Browne and Hugh —— were the Constables of Hasten, and delivered the Passe to the said Katheryne from the Maior."

1632, June 1. "William Douche, servant to Mathew Bonger of this Borough, Henry Pouncey and William Pouncey, sonnes of Roger and Thomas Pouncey, Nathaniell Read's sonne Nathaniell, Giles Morey yonger, Rychard Stone the glouer's sonne, Edward Meller sonne of Wm. Meller. Wm. Douch confeseth that all these boyes and John Green's sonne met together vpon Sabbath day last at Burton in farmer Monday's ground, and played at Nine Holes for money, a farthing a game. Wm. Douch confesseth he lost one farthing and Wm. Perry, Humfrey Perry's sonne, lost a penny in that company. This was doen about 4 of the clock at afternoone, and not one of them were at ther parish church at prayers at afternoone that day, nor at any other church. These all being greate boyes, yt is ordered they shall find good suerties to play no more at vnlawfull games, and shall pay 12*d.* a peice for absens from church at that time."

1632, June 12. "Breach of the liberties by Giles Foy, &c. Memor', that Joseph Vnderwood was arrested within this Borough by Giles Foy on the xijth of June, 1632, at the suite of Wm. Spering, gent., after such time as Mr. Mayor had denied to giue any leev to the Sheriff's Bayliffs so to do," etc.

1632, June 20. "Adam Smith sayth vpon oath that this 20th day of June, 1632, he was in the house of John Norrington and there was difference betwene John Norington and Roger Turner; he herd Turner say to Norrington that he must go catch more trowtes, and John Norington, being about to dress his cloth with sigg, he calld Turner a dissembleng Puritan Knave, and cast the sigge and filth he had in his hands in Roger Turner's face. And also Adam Smith saith that he heard the same time John Norrington call

Nathaniell Bower, being then present, 'beggerly base knave,' and that he could not live in Dorchester but for his dissembling, and that there were more beggerly knaves lived in Dorchester then in any Towne here about."

1632, June 26. Robert Foot, for being "severall tymes drunke and wishing that fire and brimstone would fall on this towne, it being sufficiently proud," was set close to work in the prison "without liberty of coming into the towne."

1632, Oct. 12. "Thomas Gawlpin, for not opening the doare of his howse to the Constable coming with a huy and cry," etc.

1632, Nov. 1. "Katheryne Melmouth (the wife of William Melmouth of this Borough) sayeth that her said husband will not allow her any victualls, and hath stroken his wife and offered her divers grosse abuses."

"William Melmouth sayeth that the difference betwene himselfe and his wife is because hee was promised 40*li.* in marriage with his wife which hee hath not received."

1632, Nov. 8. "Henry Kippin of Ringwood, colier, coming this day with a cart loade of Coles into this Borough, having his baggs measured they were found to little and deceitfully filled which he confessed vpon examinacion, and had bene warned of the same before, and therfore was ordered to stand in the pillory, and vpon his ernest desire to be spared this time and faythfull promise to bring lawfull measures and good Coles hereafter, his punishment is suspended vppon hope and promise of reformacion at all times hereafter, which yf yt be not performed, when hee shalbe found faulty then to be punished with the pillory."

1632, Dec. 9. "William Hardy, gent., dwelling euery-where (as he said) charged with swearing eight oaths, and abused the constables saying 'that he durst say they weare all a company of dampned creatures and the divell would haue them all, and called them cods' heads and sheepes' heads.' Fined 8*s.* for the oaths, and committed to gaol for his abuse; released next day on his "pleanary confession."

1632, Dec. 10. "For clothing and victualing of the poore against Chrismas now coming," £10 10*s.* to each of the three parishes.

1632-3, Jan. 5. "Roger Sims sayth that he was at Reynaldo Knapton's house vpon Thursday after Crismas day last past in the after noone of the same day and playd at cards there."

1632-3, Jan. 14. "Whereas the bearer hereof, Robert Smyth, is to make his present repaire into Cornwall vpon his Majesty's espetiall affaires, and to make his speedy retorne to Whitehall, Theise are to will and require you to furnishe him with two able and sufficient post horses for himselfe and his guyde, from stage to stage, at prices reasonable and accustomed, whereof you may not faile as you and euery of you will answere the contrary at your perill, for which thes shalbe your warrant; dated the xijth of January, 1632.

John Coke.

To the Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffes, Constables, Postmasters, and all other his Majesty's Officers whom it doth or may concerne."

In margin, a shield quarterly, 1 and 4, three crescents and a canton; 2 and 3, blank.

1632-3, March 9. Wm. Pouncy, son of Roger Pouncey, senr., confesseth that he and other young men "in two severall companies thr they plad Five Holes, some other Nine Holes," at the time of Evening Prayers and sermon. Wm. Pouncey committed to the stocks.

1633, June 28. "It is now ordered that Christian Jenkens, Susan Leigh wife of John Leigh, Charytie Robenson, and Thampson Pouncey wife of Thomas Pouncey the elder, shalbe plounced or duckt three severall times vnder the water for common Scolds presented at the last Lawe day, and a warrant granted to the constables to that purpose the same day."

1633, July 8. "Mathew Haggerd, sonne to Mathew Haggerd, Butcher, was charged by Mr. Gold the Scholemaster to abuse his sayd Master and to call him 'base lying Rogue' testefyed against him by 2 or 3 boyes, ordered to be whipt by his father."

1633, Aug. 14. "Thomas Courtney, borne as hee saith at Penzance, who saith that about two yeares and halfe since he went out of Plimouth in a ship callen the *Mary well* in a voyage for Newfoundland, and there took ship, and from thence sailed to Legehorne, and there vnloaded the said ship and took a fraight for England, and coming home in the Straights' mouth was taken by a Turkes man of warre and caried into Tunis, and there he was sold for xiiij*li.*, and there remayned neere two yeares, and vsually went to sea in a man of warre, and at length three Portugall men of warre tooke the ship wherein this examinant was, and caried him and his company into Lisbone, and there they freed this examinant, and from

Lisbone this examinant came for Dover in England in a ship of Dover, and there arrived about two monethes since, and was there remayned about fortnight, and thence came towards London, and was about 5 daies coming thither, and there staied about two monethes, and thence came out on a Wensday about fortnight since, and had the printed passe at my Lo. Maior of London his howse a little before his coming out of London, and his landing breefe he had at Dover under the Maior's hand, and the next day after his landing there. Also he saith that he begged reliefe in this Towne yesterday. Committed to Bridewell for a counterfeite certificat and begging relief heere in the Towne, till he shall be by law delivered."

1633, Nov. 11. "Thomas Pouncey, Ju., in reproachfull maner sayd vnto John Condit this morning, because he came into the prison to arrest him, that for 20*d.* he would vndoe any man, and when Jo : Condit told him that he was in bond to execute such warrants as came vnto his hands, he scoffingly said his band was as good as his, only his ruffe band was better than his falling band."

1633, Dec. 13. For clothing and victualling, as before, £25 10s.

1633, Dec. 30. Thomas Devenish, keeper of the Gaol, deposeth that Mr. John Gardner of Waymouth spake very disgracefully and disdainefully of the gentlemen of the county of Dorset, but especially of Sir Francis Ashley, Knt., Serjeant at law, and Sir Walter Erle, two of the Justices of the peace for this county.

1633-4, Jan. 27. "Richard Shory of Dorchester, for saying that John Merefeild was a witch, and he having a moate in his hand, and said he had fetched it from the witches house, and he put it into the fire heere in Dorchester, and said he would see if the witch would come, and thervpon went to the window to look for him as this examinant believeth, ex affid. Thomasine vx'is Samuel Cole."

1633-4, Feb. 7. "It is ordered this day vppon complaint made against Margery Goodfellow of the Almes house by Elizabeth Stone . . . for disquieting of the whole house in quarrelling and calling names, and in particular for calling Agnes Ash witch . . . that yf from henceforth she shalbe found againe [offending] . . . that she shalbe plownced and expelled the house."

1634, May 23. "The examincion of Israell Smith, late of Magdalen College in Cambridge, saith that he came from

Cambridge about a yere since without a license from the house, and went to Dover, and ther had a pass to traveyl into Fraunce but of whom he knoweth not, and thence went to Calleis and Deep, and so to Parris, and having spent about a quarter of a yere there departed into Flushing, and there met with a brother of his, and of him rec'd 3*li.* which he brought with him to defrey his charge, and about a three weeks since landed at Brighthemson, . . . sayth his father was a preacher and dyed som 12 yers since."

On a further examination he said "he was borne at Nosley in Lecester Sheire and was the sonne of one Sir Francis Smith, Barronet, deceased, about 12 yers since, and his fourth sonne, etc." Punished and sent away by passe to Nosley this present day.

1634, June 27. "Jone Jefferies, wife of Nycholas Jeffery of this Borough, confesseth that her husband and her self, Thomas Hooper and John Reynolds, with some others, made a Bonne fyer at Glippath Bridge betweene the dye house and the furse riks nere at 11 of the clock on the 23th day of June at night, but she sayth she is sory for yt, and will avoyd like occasions."

1634, July 28. "Florence Simes, widow, saith that aboue a quarter of a yeare since Elias Fries wife told this examinant that Margery Adyn had given her the said Fries wives daughter a cake, and that her daughter was never well since, and she had a ielosy that the said Margery had bewitched her daughter, and that she had therefore fetched thatch of the said Margeries husband's howse, and was burning of it in Roger Pouncye's howse, and the said Margeries husband came in the whiles and scolded her for it."

1634, Aug. 11. Robert Lee and others "have vsed euery of them a crooke to catch out apples out of the pott and have vsed them in markett."

1634, Oct. 24. "Elizabeth Bull, wife of Albion Bull of this Borough, having bene often complained of for her ill cariage toward her husband, is now ordered to continue at home and to intend her husband, to dresse his meate, etc., as a wife ought to doe, and is charged not to accompany her brother so frequently as she hath doen, and if ther shalbe any other iust complaint of her fayling in this case herafter, to be sent to the House of Correction, and ther to work hard and to have but the one half of that she earneth, and her husband to have the rest."

1634, Nov. 10. John Colleford, and others, "all these

were found Crookers of Apples in the market some two moneths since, and Robert Cosens' sonne made the crooks."

1634, Dec. 12. For clothing and victualling the poor against Christmas £31 . 7 . 11, among the three parishes.

1634-5, Feb. 13. Moses Meller of Padstowe, Cornwall, "sayth that he went voluntary about three yeres since into the Lowe Contreyes to serve the States; he went from London vnder the conduct of Sir Tho: Lucas, an English captaine, and there served vnder him three yeres and somewhat better, served at the Brill in garison all the time and had a discharge from the Prince of Orange about 12 moneths since which is the passe now shewed, and euer since he sayth he continued in that contrey working at his trade of a Barbour. Landed at London some tenne dayes since, and had the passe now shewed from Lord Maior of London to travayle home to Padstow in Cornwall . . . Confesseth that he was burnt in the shoulder in Holland some two yeres since for departing from his Captaine."

"Suffered to passe on because his passe could not be found false or disapproved."

1634-5, Feb. 21. John Stuckey of Yeovell, Somerset, labourer, saith "that he came to this Towne to meete with his Aunt, Jane Hooper, and to entreate her to gett him a place to goe to New England, and being demaunded what monys he had to furnish him in such a voyage for his provision and passag thither, he cannot shew that he hath that abillytie for such an vndertaking, and being demaunded how he came by a new suit of cloathes he sayth he had 20s. of his mother to buy yt, etc."

Stuckey was eventually arrested on suspicion of felony.

1635, Apr. 29. "Richard Clarke sayth that this morning, about eight of the clock, he herd that Thomas Stillard of this Borough was sick in the spleene and sent his litle boy to tell Stillerd or his wife that they should come ouer to this examinant, and when he came, he, this examinant, sent his litle boy to his house for ellecampane which he brought, and he willed Stillerd to slice and take yt," etc.

1635, May 27. "Widow Crowcher [or Coode] who saith that on the Sabbath day last in the time of Evening Prayer at St. Peter's she went as farre as Monkton ditch to bring Colleford's son going towards Melcomb, to the Shippe that was going to New England, out of her care to have him gone, for the boy was her husband's prentice, and she was at charge

of his expense and part of his passage also, and doupting lest he would be careless in going aboard the shippe and so be left behind. She is excused."

1635, May 30. "James Palfry, of Dorchester, Brewer, sworne, saith that Philip Cheuerell of this Borough the 29th of May, 1635, company being talking with him, and telling him that they heard the Spaniard's ships were come at the Isle of Weight, and asking him what he would doe, he said this deponant afterwards heard the said Philip say he would fire the Towne and run away."

1635, July 15. "Sarah Handcock of this Borough having this day been complayned of for her disorderly carriage and scolding in the work house . . . among the spinsters, is now ordered to com no more to the work house to work there, but is to work elswhere and follow her work, or to be further delt withall according to the lawe."

1635, Sept. 17. Inquest on John Crosse, late of Horton, Dorset. The Jury say "that the sixteenth day of this moneth of September the said John Crosse, being in Fordington feild in the late generall muster and of Cap. Coker's band, one of the trained souldiers, by shooting of a peece whiles they were in service, stroke him in the head with some hard thing that was in the musket, but whoe it was is not knowne, by misfortune, which gave him a wound in his head the length of an inch and halfe, whereof he languished vntill about three of the clock in the afternoone this day, and then died of the wound aforesaid."

1636, Oct. 14. "Will: Gosling coming to this Towne with a license vnder the hand of the Master of the Revelles, signed Henry Herbert, and sealed with the seale of the office of Revelles with a Cinquefoyle, authorizing the said Gosling to shew the portraiture of the City of Jerusalem dated 15 June, xij Caroli, and denied to make his shew heere by reason of the dangerous tyme of sicknes."

1636, Oct. 23. Shaston. Collected on the Lord's day in all three churches of this parish towards their relief in thes tyme of their visitacion of the plauge, 45*li.* 9*s.* 3½*d.*:

	£	s.	d.
Whereof in Peter's parish	21	19	6½
In Trinity parish	12	15	00
From All Saints'	10	14	9
	45	9	3½

1636, Dec. 2. Towards food and clothing of the poor of all three parishes of this Borough against Chrismas:

		£	s.	d.
pd. by Benj. Div:	Of the profitt of the C *li.* of mony given at the Fast	11	04	10
	Of Mris. Gould's guift the profitt of £66 . 13 . 4	07	14	00
pd. by Mr. Bond. out of the Offendors' mony ..		15	01	2
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1636-7, March 9. "John Elwell, the sonne of John Elwell of Marshalshay in the parish of Marshwood in the County of Dorset, saith that he came from his father, Monday last was three weeks, to Captaine Jonas Dennis to Waymouth, to bee by him shipt for St. Christofer's," etc.

1636-7, March 20. "Gulielmo Clarvetto pretending to be a Doctor of Phisick of Trin. College in Cambridge, and heere coming to towne to practise phisick, and can shew noe authority to practise, is required by Mr. Maior at his perill to forbeare to practise heere till he shew authority."

In a subsequent examination he alleges that he was born in Florence, is about 40, lived in University of Padua four years, and there took the degree of M.A., practised surgery in his own country, and then in France, Spain and Germany, and came to England about 18 years since, and has lived mostly in London.

1637, April 17. "The names of such as desire to compound for making mault and brewing according to orders sent downe by the King's Comissioners." [14 maulters, 2 brewers.]

1637, May 13. "Sarah Vren, *alias* Moore, did danse in the Gaol the Ester morning and had a fidler in the Gaole. Abigal Serrell, the seruant of Mris. Wats, for that she was dansing att the Gaole, is ordered."

1637, May 31. "Robert Powncy maketh oath that Thomas Powncy the younger, this weeke being at bulbayting, did breake the bulkeeper's head with his cudgell."

1637, Oct. 30. "Examinacion of Henry Tipput of St. Kue in Cornwall, aged 32 yeares, who sayth that havinge bin att St. Christofers he landed att the Ile Wight, and thence hee traveiled to St. Kue in Cornwell, since hath bin in Holland, and about Bortholmew tide last was tweluemonth hee re-

turned for England and landed at Hastings in Sussex, since which hee hath traveiled into Scotland and rangled the Cuntry too and froe, and att length comming to Tarring in Sussex hee met with two or three Irish men and women, and lodging in one Barnerd's howse that keepes an Alehouse, the said Barnard made a passe for him dated the eigteenth of October, for the makeinge of which this examinant gaue the said Bernard halfe a duzen of beere.

"Vpon further examinacion confessed afterwards that the passe before mencioned was of his owne making, vpon which passe he received iij*s*. of the Tresorer of Southampton.

Henry Tripput."

"Whipt and sent away with a passe." C. 11.

1637, Nov. 6. "Examinacion of Henry Hutchins, servant of Robert Griffen, of this Burrough, baker, on oath, who sayeth that the 29th of October last past in All Saints' Church on the Lord's day in time of divine servis hee sawe Jno. Hoskins, servant of Jno. Standish of this Burrough, butcher, pull Richard Butler out of his place and strike him a box in the eare." C. 11.

1637, Nov. 18. "Examinacion of Constable Bridges, Constable Hewet and Constable Cooke on oath, who say that this day they heard George Browning of Otry, gent., sweare seven oathes by God and by God's Wounds within this Borrough, and since hee came in to Mr. Maior's howse hee swore one oath by the name of God. Paid for his swearinge the same day the somme of viij*s*., put into purse."

"George Browning this day in presence of Mr. Maior, after there was fiue shillings layd downe for his swearing said that yf hee had layd downe fiue shillings the Towne should burne for it." C. 11.

The selections which follow are culled from later books, but no distinct *Offenders' Book* is found until 1696 :—

1639-40, Jan. 3. "Whereas the beggars doe now begin to goe abroad about the Towne begging, It is ordered that Bower shall carefully looke about the towne and bring such beggars before one of the Justices of this Borough to bee ordered for the same vpon paine of being punished as shalbe fitt." C. 12.

1640, Oct. 2. Thomas Grindham desires to be allowed 6*s*. 4*d*. paid the Clerke of the assise for his discharge about imprisoning the fidlers. C. 12.

1648, Oct. 30. "Mr. Gilbert Gray, Phisicion dwelling in this Towne, being drunk in this Towne on Saturday last, which Mr. Maior iustifies, and now laies downe for it vs., and warned him to abuse the Constables no more." C. 12.

1653, June 3. William Ryall to take iiij*d.* a night for lodging of such prisoners as are committed to his charge, but after a fortnight's commitment ij*d.* a night. C. 12.

1655-6, March 7. "To remember to debate the matter of Malt drying vpon the Sabboth day." C. 12.

1658, July 16. This day receiued a petition to this Company from nine distressed prisoners in the Countie Goale, declareinge the sadnes of there condition, and for want of some releife (besids there common allowance) must perrish. In consideration of there condition by reson of the dearnes of wheate and other provision, yet is this day agreed that Mr. Bushrod, Steward of the Hospitall, doe disburse 10*s.*, to be laide out in Flesh for them, 2 dayes in—5*s.*, vntill the some of 10*s.* be disbursed, and charge it to the Account. C. 15.

1699, Nov. 24. "The informacion of Conyers Place, Schoolemaister of the Free Schoole, who on his oath saith that for seuerall tymes lately severall boyes of this Towne haue disturbed this informant's Schoole by knocking at the Schoole Dore, and throweing in greate stones and some small stones into the passage or entry of the Schoole; the boyes who have byn guilty hereof as this informant is credibly informed are Mr. Derbies two sonnes, Mr. Maber's sonne, Mris. Gigger's sonne, Farmer Light's sonne, and Mr. Wm. Coxe's sonne. He refused to take his oath, but all were sent for, and most appeareing confessed their faults, are very submissive, promised to doe soe no more and are forgiuen." C. 22.

1700, July 1. "Examinacion of William South of Burford in the County of Oxford, labourer, who saith that he went from Burford about seven or eight weekes since towards Portesmouth, where he staid about a week and lodged in a private house; he went from thence by water to Swannidge in this County, staid there three or fouer dayes at the signe of the Castle, thence he went to Corfe, and lay at the George two nights, from Corfe he went to Winfrith and lay at the George, thence he went to Weymouth, where he hath byn vpp and downe for the space of five weekes; in all places hath sold small medecines for cureing colds and other distempers; sayes that he is returning homewards with Elizabeth, his wife." C. 22.

1706, May 17. "The information of John Paddock, the Bedle of this Borough, who upon oath doe say that hee beeing upon the watch Sunday morning last, about 3 a Clock in the morning hee this informant did see four persons, vid: John Morton, Gent., Mr. Henry Churchell, Mr. Wm. Goddard, and one Mr. Ashly, goeing downe (from the Coffee hous of Mr. Bailey, as hee doth suppose) in the forestreet, and as they went along this informant saw them knocking at severall houses as they past, vid., Mr. Bestland's house, from thence to Mr. John Gollop's and Mr. Max: Gollop's, and from thence to allmost every house in the South Street, to the great disturbance of the neighbourhood. John Paddock."

"The information of J. Griffin, one of the watchmen of this Borough, who upon oath doe say that hee saw the aforsaid four persons coming downe the street, hooping and hollowing, and knocking at severall doores; this informant told them they was fit to bee secured, upon which Mr. Moreton laid his hand on his sword; this informant told him, if hee offered to draw, hee would make him eat it.

The mark + of John Griffin." C. 22.

1716, Apr. 23. Anne Brine, Elizabeth Elsworth, Mary Hobbs and Priscilla Harbin, being idle and disorderly persons, to provide themselves Masters within one month, otherwise to be sent to Bridewell. C. 7.

1756, March 7, Sunday. "The Constables of the said Borough apprehended Joseph Voss, Catherine Newman and Sarah Lester tipling in the house of John Dolling in the time of Divine Service, and the next day Mr. Mayor sent the said Joseph Voss to Weymouth in order to be put on board one of his Majesty's ships of war, convicted the said Catherine Newman of being drunk and ordered her to pay to the Churchwardens, &c., the sum of 5*s*. in a week's time, and in default of payment to be set in the stocks six hours pursuant to the Statute, and the said Sarah Lester was discharged after a severe reprimand, and on her promise of never offending in like kind again." C. 33.

General Quarter Sessions.

Besides the summary jurisdiction possessed by the Borough Justices was the Court of Quarter Sessions. The proceedings of this Court are contained in C. 21, 1676 to 1710-11,; C. 25, 1711-12 to 1723-4; C. 29, 1741 to 1745; C. 30, 1746 to 1754,

and C. 34, 1755 to 1817. From 1724 to 1741 no book appears to be extant.

These books contain little of moment, being chiefly occupied by lists of Jurors and Recognizances, with orders for settlement of the poor, and rating appeals. Samuel Hellard was appointed Scavenger, 1st October, 1750, and the appointment renewed the following year and then dropped. Thomas Hardy, the elder, cordwinder, pleaded guilty to the charge of ingrossing and regrating butter, 6th October, 1766. The house called the Quaker Meeting in Holy Trinity parish, in the possession of —— Oxford, then unrated, was ordered to be charged on the assessment, 6th October, 1766. William Winzar, of Fordington, and Robert Masters appeared to answer the complaint of Rev. Thomas Molland, that they had disturbed the congregation where the latter was preaching; they were discharged, there being no prosecution, 5th October, 1778. John Lill, of Wool, yeoman, was indicted for similar offence, but found not guilty, 7th October, 1782.

B. 54 contains various recognizances, 1761-1763, under precept of the Justices to the Serjeants-at-Mace, to make proclamation of the next Quarter Sessions on 3rd October, 1763, and to summon twenty-four jurors, with panels of Grand and Petty Jurors attached, several informations, and presentment of the Grand Jury, 1763. B. 62 is a bundle of some ninety-six documents of a similar character, belonging to the closing years of the eighteenth century.

The Court of Record.

This Court, to be held every three weeks on Mondays, was granted to the Borough by the Charter of James I. Two books are extant containing the proceedings, viz., C. 26, from 29th October, 1711, to 9th November, 1772, and C. 38, from 30th November, 1772, to 16th April, 1810. Nothing of interest is included in these volumes. The form to be observed at the opening and closing of the Court runs as follows:—"Make three 'O yes's,' and afterwards say, 'All manner of persons that have any thing to do at the Court of Record to be held here this day for this Borough of Dorchester, let them come forth and they shall be heard.'

Make a single 'O yes,' and say, 'If any person will be essoigned or enter any action of debt, trespass or otherwise that this Court will hear, let them come in while this essoign lyeth, and it shall be received.'

Afterwards make another 'O yes,' and say, 'All manner of Persons that have any thing further to do at the Court held here this day may now depart hence, and keep their day here again this day three weeks.' "

Assize of Bread.

The price of bread, assessed by three Justices under an Act of 31 George II., is contained in C. 36, commencing in 1758,* and continued until 1801. On 28th October in the former year the Sergeants-at-Mace returned the market price per bushel of best wheat at 5*s.* 6*d.*, second wheat at 5*s.*, and third wheat at 4*s.* 11*d.*, whereupon the weight of the penny loaf was fixed for the next seven days at 9 oz. 1 dr. for the best, and 13 oz. 1 dr. for household bread. The loaves were priced at 1*d.*, 2*d.*, 3*d.*, 6*d.*, 9*d.* and 12*d.*, and did not vary so long as the price of wheat did not rise or fall 3*d.* a bushel.

On 9th May, 1774, these qualities were provided for, viz., wheaten penny loaf to weigh 8 oz. 3 dr., standard wheaten, 9 oz. 4 dr., and household 10 oz. 4 dr. An 18*d.* loaf is first mentioned on 6th September, 1773.

On 30th November, 1778, the system was changed, and the peck loaf weighing 17 lbs. 6 oz. was to be sold for 2*s.* 3½*d.* if wheaten, 2*s.* if standard wheaten, and 1*s.* 8½*d.* if household, but on 15th May, 1780, it is added that the penny loaf wheaten must weigh 10 oz. 2 dr.

Between 1758 and 1801 the lowest price for best wheat per bushel was 3*s.* 6½*d.*, on 7th February, 1762, and the highest 20*s.*, on 20th December, 1800, and two days after the peck loaf, weighing 17 lbs. 6 oz., was to be sold at 6*s.* 8*d.*, if standard wheaten, and at 5*s.* 8*d.* if household, and the penny loaf wheaten to weigh 3 oz.

Corn Returns.

These Returns are entered in a "Register or Account of the Quantities and Prices of Corn and Grain at Dorchester Markets, 1789, Stat. 29 Geo. III.," and extend, with an occasional hiatus, from 7th November, 1789, to 26th April, 1803. Each weekly return is signed by Batt Chaffey, Inspector of Corn Returns. A list is given of "Buyers' Names and Places

* Earlier examples occur, *e.g.*, 15th November, 1745, when the market price of good wheat was found to be 4*s.* the bushel, and three Justices set the Assize of Bread at 5*s.* the bushel. C. 27.

of Abode, who have taken the Oath required by the said Act residing in the Neighbourhood of Dorchester." These are forty-eight in number. C. 42.

Innkeepers' Prices.

1657-8, March 12. "The Justices doe assesse the price of oates and haye, for oates to be sold by the Inkeepers and others, 2*s.* 8*d.* the bushell; for hay for one day and night at 8*d.*" C. 15.

1692-3, March 3. Hay was priced at 6*d.*, oats remaining the same as before. C. 7. On 16th January, 1734, the prices were unaltered. C. 27.

Issue of Licences.

The "Lycence Book" begins 28th October, 1795, and extends to 7th November, 1829, and records the names of persons licensed to sell "Bread and other Victualls, Beer, Ale and other exciseable liquors," and the sums for which they and their sureties were bound. The licensee was bound in £10, and two sureties in £5. On 7th November, 1817, there was one surety in £10, instead of two in £5. From 25th September, 1822, the licensee was bound in £30, and one surety in £20, and so to the end of the entries. C. 44.

Bonds. B. 44.

1662, Nov. 11. Joseph Gey, of Dorchester, tayler, to the Mayor, etc., in £20.

1663, Aug. 10. Arthur Haviland, of Dorchester, yeoman, Philip Tayler, of Dorchester, merchaunt, and Christopher Haviland, of Shaston, yeoman, to the Mayor, etc., in £40.

1663, Oct. 17. William Francklin, of Dorchester, yeoman, and John Francklin, of Holwell, Somerset, yeoman, to the Mayor, etc., in £50.

1663, Nov. 6. James Fluellen, of Dorchester, cooper, and Richard Foy, of Dorchester, weaver, to the Mayor, etc., in £50.

1663, Feb. 18. James Crafts, of Dorchester, tapster, and Daniel Benson, of Dorchester, innkeeper, to the Mayor, etc., in £40.

1663, Feb. 18. John Coppock, of Dorchester, tapster, and John Cobb, of Dorchester, gent., to the Mayor, etc., in £40.

1664, May 13. Thomas Hollins, of Bridporte, maulster, to the Mayor, etc., in £50.

1664, Sept. 27. John Tewxbury, of Dorchester, victualer, and Julian Hobbs, of Dorchester, carpenter, and George Hillard, of Dorchester, carpenter, to the Mayor, etc., in £39 . 19 . 6.

1664, Feb. 6. Robert Bryne and John Bryne, of Fordington, husbandmen, and Michajah Bryne, of Dorchester, husbandman, to the Overseers of the Poor of Allhallows parish, Dorchester, in £40.

1665, June 23. Arthur Moody, of Dorchester, glover, to the Mayor, etc., in £100, that John Evens, of Yeovil, glover, who has lately come to reside in Dorchester as journeyman to Arthur Moody, shall "departe from the said Borough on the morrow after the date hereof, and not retorne thither againe to reside there."

1663, April 17. Edward Chepman releases to the Mayor, etc., all escapes . . . or causes of action for escape of Barnard Blanchard, late a prisoner in the prison of the said Mayor, etc.

1694, May 21. Samuell Crisdy, to Mayor, etc., in £40, to pay £10 to them at Christmas next, if he does not set fowerteene ashen trees in the Schole Close within this Borough the next season. B. 66.

Military Affairs.

Billets and Musters.

Sir Thomas Frier's Regiment, 1628.

1629, July 27. "To the right honorable his Majesty's Counsell of Warre.

May it please your honors to be advertised that the townesmen of this Borough, having billeted many souldiers by a long space, for which they, having received noe satisfaccion, refused to billet the souldiers of the company of Captayne Stevens at his retorne back from Plymouth with them, and in that respect the said Captayne Stevens, in the name of his Colonell Sir Thomas Frier, did billet 31 souldiers with diuers poore men of the said Borough, and vndertooke to pay for their billet, which said souldiers were so billeted from the 23rd day of Aprill, 1628, to the 3rd day of August then following, amounting to 77*li* 16*s.*, wherof 26*li.* only is paid and 51*li.* 16*s.* reste vnpaid, as by the particulers vnder Captayne Stevens' hand appeares, which mony soe vnsatisfied

the poore men, to whome the same is due, doe stand in need of. And in testymony of the trust of this certificat wee the Bailiffs and Burgesses of the said Borough haue heerto caused our Common Seale to bee set the xxvijth day of July, 1629." C. 9.

1629, Dec. 23. "This day a Commission was graunted by the Maior and Company unto Mr. William Derby, Mr. John Hill, Mr. John Blachford and Mr. Robert Blake, under the new Towne Seale, for the peticioning of the Privy Counsell about the priuiledges of the Towne concerning musters." C. 9.

1629-30, March 10. "Vpon peticioning of the Towne vnto our Lord Lieutenant to haue a Captain of the traine band within our Towne, it was vndertaken by the peticioners to make vp a compleate company, and vpon the said Lord's referrence of the peticion to the Deputy Lieutenants, it was by them questioned whether that Peticion were presented with the Townesmen's consent, wherefore this day, the question being moved amongst the Capitall Burgesses, they consented to the said Peticion. All heere presente declared their consent therevnto." C. 9.

1632-3, Feb. 13. "My Lord Treasorer's letter. After my very harty Comendacions. Whereas I have byn enformed by a Certificate from the Maior, Bayliffes, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester, in the County of Dorsett, that there is due to the Inhabitants of the said Borough, which they have expended and ben at charge for the passage and billeting of his Majesty's souldiers in the second and third yeere of his Majesty's reigne, the sume of £260 9*s.* 10*d.*, whereof they have yet received noe manner of satisfacion; and whereas it was heeretofore ordered by the Lords of the Counsell that the Billet monyes, due to his Majesty's Subiects in every County, should bee paid out of the loane mony remayning in the Collectors' hands of each particular County; and for as much as I am informed there remayneth soe much of the said loane in your hands as will satisfy the said Inhabitants: these are therefore to require you forthwith, vpon sight heereof, to make payment vnto the Maior of Dorchester (for the vse of the said Inhabitants) the said sume of £260 9s. 10*d.*, or soe much thereof as you haue in your hands of the said remayned, taking his acquittance vnder the Common Seale of the Borough for the same. For the doing whereof this shall bee your sufficient Warrant. Your very Loving freind, R. Weston.

Wallingford house this 13 of February, 1632-3. To my very loving freinds, Sir Tho: Freake of Shrowton, Kt., Sir Nath. Napper of More Crichell, Kt., Henry Drake of Childhay, Esq., Tho. Browne of Frampton, Esq., Tho: Still of Shaston, Esq., John Pope of Marnhull, Esq., Rich. Bingham of Quarleston, Esq., Alexander Every, gent., and to euery of them, these." C. 9.

1633, April 6. Letter received from Francis, Lord Cottington, dated 24 Feb., 1632-3, addressed to Edmund Dashwood and William Whitway, requiring them to account for £150 or thereabouts, given 12 years since by the Town "for the defence of the Pallatinat," and pay it into the Receipt of the Exchequer "wherevpon a Tally shall bee strucke for discharge of the said Towne, or else . . . to repair thither in company of this bearer, Humanitas Mayo, one of the messengers of his Majesty's Chamber, to shew cause, etc." C. 9.

1633, April 12. "It is agreed that Mr. Hill and Mr. Bury shall ride the next weeke to Mr. Bingham, Mr. Still and Mr. Pope, to demaund the mony in their hands, and to deliuer them copies of the letter and to cary with them Mr. Maior's deputacion to receive the monyes." C. 9.

1633, Nov. 12. "Worthy Sir, wee doe with all thankfulnes acknowledge your vndeserved love and favor vnto vs, in procuring the right honourable the Lord Treasorer to write his honourable letters to such gentlemen of our Country as haue the loane mony in their hands, to pay so much mony of it to the Maior of this Borough for the vse of the Inhabitants for the mony by them laid out in billeting and passing of souldiers as is dew vnto them. In prosecucion of which busines wee sent to diuers of them and presented the said letters vnto them, but cannot receive one penny of mony, they pleading that they will keepe what monyes they haue for monyes to them due for billet mony, and some others of them, as namely Sir Thomas Freake and Mr. Every, are dead, but not one of them vouchsaffing any answeare in writing although Mr. Still promised to doe it, but never did it, who is conceived to haue much monyes in his hands and never yet accompted for the same, wherefore vnlesse you shall bee pleased to thinke on some farther course to bee taken heerein, in such a way as you in your wisedome shall see most convenient, this busnies will fall to the grownd. And thus desiring your farther assistance heerein wee take our leaves, ceasing farther to interrupt your more weighty affaires, remayninge

Your obliged and loving freinds, W.J., Maior, C.D., R.B., J.P., W.W., sen., B.T., D.B., J.H., W.W., iun', R.S.

To the wor'll and our much respected friend, Mr. Gibbons in London.

Dorchester, Nov. 12. 1633. C. 9.

1640, May, 1, Friday. "Nath. Bower hath order to provide ij tents for the L. of Suffolk and his Company at the muster Monday next at Pumbrey." C. 12.

1640, May 8. "It is agreed one that the three soldiers that goe for the Towne in this service, injoyned them by my Lorde Liftenant this week, shall haue, when they goe away, 6*s*. 8*d*. each of them, and 8*d*. a day in the meane time, and the cloths they haue need of be paid for by the Towne Steward." C. 12.

1640, May 15. "Wheras ther was an agreement made last Friday that the three soldiers that were pressed for the King's Service to goe away one Munday last, vntill which time we were content, in regard of ther poverty, they had 8*d*. per the day, but now seeinge they are com about agayne, they ar to have noe pay att all by the day from the Town, neither if they are required to goe againe shall they cary any of the arms with them which ar the Towne arms and for the safty of the towne." C. 12.

1640, May 29. "This day vpon report that diuers persons are impressed in this Towne by the Constables and by the Muster Master, the Constables, therevpon being sent for, shewed a copy of the warrant vnder Sir Geo. Hastings and Sir Fr. Fulford's hand to the Muster Master to impresse and the Constables, etc., to assist him therein for 20 men in Dorchester Division, and the Constables haue thereby impressed 6 in this Borough." C. 12.

1640, June 1. "It is agreed that the three souldiers, whoe now goe in the Towne armes, shall haue vs. a peece allowed them by the Towne Steward towards their chargs in travaileinge now at their departure." C. 12.

1641-2, Jan. 24. "It is agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. D. Bond, our Burgesse of the Parliament, to desire him to procure Mr. John Hill, Alderman of our Borough, to be made Captayne of our band of souldiers." C. 12.

Stock of Powder.

1642, July 1. "A noate of the stoare of powder in the magazine in the Shirehall taken by Mr. William Joliff and Mr.

Joseph Paty, 27 Sept. 1639." "The County powder" consisted of thirty-seven barrels, stated to contain 3,918 lbs., but the total, on adding up their contents, amounts to 4,364 lbs. The amount in each barrel varies from 108 lbs., the lowest, to 137 lbs., the highest quantity.

"There are allsoe 3 barrelles of the Towne store, marked B D with Tare and all, 1 is 102, 2 is 162, 3 is 100."

"It is agreed that the Towne powder in 3 barrelles shall be removed to the Counting house in the Town Brewhouse, and the lead that belongs to the Towne, and the loose parcell of match that belongs also to the Towne." C. 12.

Parliament Orders.

1642, July 19. "The Ordinance of Parliament heerevnder writen was brought to Mr. Maior of this Borough from the Post Master of Shaston.

"It is ordered thes day by the Lords and Commons in Parliament that the Maior, Aldermen and Capitall Burgesses of the Towne of Dorchester, in the County of Dorsett, or any three of them, shall haue power to assemble and call togither all and singular the inhabitants of the said Towne and Liberties of the same, or any other that shall offer themselves as Voluntiers, that are meete and fitt for the warres, and them array, weapon, traine, exercise and put in readines, and them to leade, conduct and imploy, soe arrayed and weaponed, for the suppression of all forceable attemptes that shall bee made against the said Towne, and to hinder the surprisall of the Ordnance and Magazine there.

H. Elsynge, Cler: Par.,
D. Com." C. 12.

"Mercurij, 3° Aug: 1642.

Whereas the High Sheriff of the Countie of Dorsett hath presumptuously and illegally by his Letter directed to the Maior and Aldermen of Dorchester, required the said Maior and Aldermen to desist and forbeare the trayning and mustering of such well affected persons, as voluntarily offered themselues, to be prepared and exercised in armes for the defence of the Magazine and Amunicion now remayning in the said Towne, and to demollish all such works by him supposed to be Fortificacions, as they had erected for the

better preservacion thereof, whereto they were authorized by Order of the Lords and Commons in Parliament. NOWE therefore it is declared by the said Lords and Commons, that as they shall severely call the said High Sheriff to accompt for such his Affront and Contempt to his Majesty's Authority expressed in the Orders of both Houses of Parliament, soe they approue and commend the endeavors of those Persons aforesaid, which haue contributed their assistance in the lawfull execucion of the same, as Persons well deserving, and desirous to preserve the safty of his Majesty, the Peace of the Kingdome and Prosperitie of true Religion.

And to thend that the said Maior and Aldermen, and other Persons that are or shalbe Volunteers in the Seruice aforesaid, may be encouraged to proceede in soe laudable an vndertaking, it is further ordered and declared by the said Lords and Commons, that they, and euery of them, shalbe protected, kept harmless and indempnified for what they haue don or shall doe in lawfull pursuance of the said order; and that all others that shall assest the said Persons in trayning and exercising and defending the said Towne and Magazine, as aforesaid, shalbe held by both Houses of Parliament to doe a seruice acceptable and benificiall to the King and Kingdome, and shall haue the Authority of both Houses of Parliament for their indempnity in soe doeing. Jo: Browne, cleric' Parliamentorum."

Endorsed, "A Letter from the Parliament, 1642." B. 28*b*.

1642, Aug. 13. "That the Ordinance received by Mr. Maior from Parliament be shewed to the Judge at the Assises shortly to be held in the Towne, to shew by what authority the Souldiers doe in their armes watch the magazine and amunition, and that there shall be a strong watch kept in the Towne by night and ward by day, to hinder or stop any insurrection or tumults in the Towne during the tyme of the Assises. It is alsoe agreed that for feare of and [to] prevent any danger of surprize of the Towne now in the tyme of the Assises, that the gates and wards of the Towne shall be made fast euery night at eight of the clock during the tyme of the Assises, and that the persons heereafter named be desired to see that the same be performed. Mr. Edward Dashwood for Bankes his doare; Mr. Bushrode for the east end of the Towne, namely the East Gate, and Standishes corner, and Boyes corner; Mr. John Bray for Glippath; Robert Manuel for the west gate; Thomas Poole for the Friery lane." C. 12.

Measures of Defence.

Clarendon relates that "one Mr. Strode, a man much relied on in those parts, and of a good fortune, after he had visited his house, took Dorchester in his way to London, and being desired by the magistrates 'to view their works and fortifications, and to give his judgment of them,' after he had walked about them, he told them, 'that those works might keep out the cavaliers about half an hour.'" (*History of the Rebellion*, Book 7.)

The following extracts from the Corporation Minute Book, C. 12, will give some indication of the works the inhabitants had in hand :—

1642, Oct. 7. "Henry Bushrode is appoynted to keepe the key, and to see the two east gates and that on Gallowes hill shut at night, and opened in morning, and is to haue for his paines 6*s*. 8*d*. a quarter."

Henry Mory is appoynted for the like for the two west gates and at Glippath for the like reward.

Roger Turner is appoynted for the like for the three sowth gates at 5*s*. a quarter. They are to open all the gates at breake of day, and to shut all the back gates at candle-lighting, and the east, west and south mayne gates betwene 8 and 9 at night." C. 12.

1642, Nov. 8. "It is thought fit that the Constables shall cause to be sett a strong watch and ward in the Towne for the saffety of the Towne and preservacion of the ordinance and amunicion, with pikes and holberds and musketts." C. 12.

1642, Dec. 1. "That euery man shall pay his souldiers their full pay for Friday next, being tomorrow, and for the tyme past." C. 12.

1642, Dec. 2. "It is agreed that the pay for the souldiers raised and mayntained by seuerall persons, and now vnder command of Captaine Lewes, shall be collected for all tymes to come, from thes day forward, be collected weekely by three seuerall persons in each parish out, and by them paid over to the Captayne to pay his souldiers, and for presente Mr. Josiah Terry for Trinity parish, Mr. Nath. Bury for Peter's, William Dry for All Saints', are desired to collect the same." C. 12.

1642-3, Jan. 11. "It is ordered that the Keyers of the Gates shall wayt at their seueral maine Gards, from the time of the discharging of the Ward vntil the Watch come in place,

and so likewise in morning to stand at the gates betwixt the Watch and the Ward, and not to deliuer the keyes to any, vnles to the Captaine of the Watch, or to the Rounders, or by their appointment." C. 12.

1642-3, Jan. 11. "Agreed that there shall be two Companies raised in the Towne contayning in each company 80 men, wherof as many musketeers as may be and none of Cap: Churchilles company to be vnder the command of Capt. Jos Paty, the other under Cap: John Seaward, and euery man to be paid 2*s.* weekely.

These souldiers to watch euery third night and to appeare at their colors to be exercised one afternoone in a weeke, and to be paid 12*d.* a day, and after that proporcion during such tyme as any such souldier shall doe constant service, and so for euery half day. Officers—

Cap. Mr. Jos. Paty.	Cap. Joh. Seward.
Lieut. Josiah Terry.	Lieut. Edw. Bray.
Ens. John White.	Ens. Edw. Dashwood.
Serj. Walter Huett, Nich. Stone.	Serj. Will. Butler, Will Loder.
Drum. Perrin.	Drum. Thomas Philippes, Hillard. C. 12.

1642-3, Jan. 16. "It is agreed that the Townesmen of thes Borough doe raise or contynue a convenient number of souldiers, armed for the defence of thes town, to be in weekelie part, and the number is agreed to bee 160 at least, besides officers." C. 12.

1642-3, Jan. 24, "By accompt taken it is found that there are already lasted [listed] for the towne service for 2*s.* a peece wages weekly—140—who are to watch in their turne every third night, and by accompt it is found that besids these that are in that pay, and those that contribute to their payment, there are fownd in seuerall howses fitt to watch by 7 in the night at the bow guard, and 9 in the day to ward, 230, which bow guard watch and towne ward are appoynted to bee warned by the Constables, of which 9, 2 to ward at euery towne gate, 1 at glippath, and 1 at the gallowes, and one vpon the Tower; and vpon euery Sabath day and fast day 2 on the Tower, and those dayes the ward to consist of x." C. 12.

1642-3, Feb. 3. "For as much as there being a rate made for payment of 160 souldiers of this Townesmen, to beare armes for defence of the towne, and doing their duty

in watch at night and mustering one afternoone in the weeke, for which everie of them were to receive 2*s.*, which having contynued two weeks, many of the Townesmen that were rated have refused, some of them to pay any thing at all, others to pay for more then one weeke; wherevpon it is agreed that that payment shall cease, and that now the Constables shall againe warne both watch and ward, and that from henceforth those souldiers which now before listed bee not disbanded, but bee mustered once a week, Thursday if it may be or els Friday, and shall be paid viij*d.* a peece, weekely, for their mustering. And that euery of the three Constables doe warne the watch in each parish, viz. 15 in each parish (besids Cap. Lewes his company). C. 12.

1642-3, Feb. 8. "It is agreed that whereas there is x*li.* and vpwards laid out by Thomas Clench, scoutemaster, for one moneth last past for messengers and scoutes, and there being now noe mony to be had of the Comissary for the present, and Mr. Hill having mony in his hands promised to be lent to the Parliament, out of which Mr. Hill is content to pay x*li.* to Thomas Clench, to be repaid him by the Towne vnles the same be allowed out of the mony lent to the Parliament, this Company doth agree to see Mr. Hill repaid, vnles it be allowed as aforesaid." C. 12.

1642-3, Feb. 10. "Whereas 3*li.* was paid out last weeke to Math. Morton for 3 weeks past, out of monies given by the Townesmen towards the Fortificacions, and now there is 4*li.* 18*s.* 8*d.* left of that mony givin, and yet more mony is to be advanced to pay workmen about the fortificacions this weeke; It is now agreed that the said mony, now to be advanced, shall be paid out of 14*li.*, to be paid in tomorrow towards 24*li.* to be paid for Peter Standish standing, and all paid out of the Towne mony to be demanded out of the general contribucion mony in the Comisaries hands." [In margin]. "This is altered, and 3*li.* only is ordered to be paid out of the 14*li.* for the 3*li.* paid to Morton, which was paid out of the Townesmen's mony, and so then there will be to pay this week's wages 7*li.* 18*s.* 8*d.*" C. 12.

1642-3, Feb. 10. "Nicholas Clark [crossed out and 'Cornew of Taunton' written above], William Hellett, John Vincent, of Chardstock, coming to towne to serve vnder Sir Walter Erle, desire now to be billited till Sir Walter comes; It is agreed they shall [receive] 6*s.* a weeke for their billet euery of them, and for that they are to doe duty and work at

the Fortificacions, which it is agreed the Borough shall pay, the said Hellet and Vincent to bring their muskets into Towne." C. 12.

1642-3, Feb. 17. "It is agreed that Philip Cornew, coming from Taunton hither vpon the comendacion of Mr. Newton, shall be entertayned as a souldier, being furnished with a musket and sword, and to have 6*s*. a weeke paid by the Brewhouse." C. 12.

1642-3, Feb. 24. "Mr. Maior, besids the 3*li*. paid by him on the other side (*i.e.*, the opposite page) hath paid vnto Tho. Clench, out of the xiiij*li*. of the standing mony, for scout mony v*li*., and to the three Captaines of the Towne to pay poore souldiers that served the two daies this weeke in muster in the common armes 6*li*." C. 12.

1642-3, Feb. 27. "Whereas by consent of the Maior and Capital Burgesses the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore of euery of the three parishes haue made a rate for raising of monies weekely for payment of souldiers for defence of the Towne; It is now agreed that one monethes payment shall be paid in hand, besids the weekely rate to provide amunicion." C. 12.

1642-3, Feb. 27. List of such souldiers as were this day listed. C. 12.

Josiah Bishop, of Bridport.
John Hallett, of Chardstock. Mr. Seaward's armes.
John Vincent, of the same. Sick at Ri. Laurence.
Tho. Chetnol, of Shirborne. Gon a trooper [this entry is crossed out].
Christofer Maraker, of Wambrooke. Gon home, to retorne.
Humfry Staple, of the same. Armed with musket of his owne.
Edward Crandon, of Netherburie. No armes.
Hugh Munden, of the same. Mrs. Stoughton's armes.
Miles Priday, of Netherbury. Mrs. Stoughton's armes.
William Munden, of Netherbury. His owne armes.
Josiah Bishop, of Bridport [crossed out].
Will: Morres, of the same. Mr. Whitewaye's armes.
Will: Wilson, late of this Towne, stuff weaver. A sword and noe other armes.
Henry Dunne, of Bridport. His owne armes, a musket.
Moses Colefox, of Bridport. Mr. Will. Joliffe's armes.
Edward Pitfold, of Allington. No armes.

John Grant, of Loders. Mr. Jo. Bushrode's armes.
William Case, of South Bowood. A musket, no sword nor bandeleers.
John Lovelase, of Bridport. Mr. E. Dashwood's armes.
William Parsons, of Bridport. No armes.
John Holmead, of Bridport. No armes.
John Colborne, of Corfe Castle. No armes.
Nicholas Smyth, of Marshwood. A sword.
Nathaniell White, of Osmington. Mr. Blackston's armes.
Richard Tawnton, late Mris. Waye's servant. No armes.
Richard Morse, of Martinstowne. Tho. Adams' armes.
Thomas Baily, of Hinton Martyn. Armed.
James Outen, of Wareham. Mr. Hille's armes.
Thomas Sheppard, of Bridport, drummer.
Philip Cornew, of Tawnton. His owne armes. C. 12.

1642-3, March 17. "A letter was read wherein William Collins writes to Mr. John Seaward, to know yf the Towne will entertaine him for a Gunner. Mr. Seaward is desired to write he shall haue an answeare next weeke, when the Deputy Lieutenants can be spoken with." C. 12.

1642-3, March 17. "Vpon Beniamyn his mencion, informing that he hath a long tyme spared out of the Brewhowse a bushell of coale every night; It is now ordered that the watch shall haue but halfe a bushell euery night, and that but vntill Than : next, and from that day noe more." C. 12.

1642-3, March 17. "Robert Burt brought in his noate for worke he did in making chests for muskets for Sir William Waller, wherein, by leaving 3 chests made and vnmade on his hands, he desires to haue 10s. allowed him for his losse, which this Company will consider of. It is agreed that the Towne shall take of the chest that is made, and that the Steward shall pay him for it, to Rob. Burt nyne shillings." C. 12.

The Aftermath.

1647-8, Feb. 11. "It is agreed and thought reasonable that the Ouerseers of the pore of Peter's parish shall accept of xx*l.* of the Tresurer of the County, in full of xxx*l.* which the Ouerseers of the sayd parish lent him for victualling of the Towne for five yeares agon, in regard that the fish, which was bought with the sayd money, was bestowed amongst the pore of the Towne after the surrender of this Towne to the King's party." C. 12.

1648, May 12. "This day, vpon Mr. Maior's mocion, diuers of the Townesmen did agree that a generall rate shall bee had and collected, to pay 2 monethes rate towards the payment of the Inkeepers and Alehowsekeepers for quartering the souldiers of Sir Tho: Fairefax." C. 12.

1648, Sept. 15. "It is ordered and agreed that the Towne Steward shall pay vnto Constable Pitt and the other Constable the somme of ten pounds, five shillings and six pence, which they have layed out for the charge and quartering of souldiers in the time of the wars, according to a bill deliuered in and putt vpon the file." C. 12.

1648, Nov. 1. "This day George Purdew was heere with order for digging and making of powder, and hath an order and liberty from the Parliament to dig and make powder there." C. 12.

1650, July 5. "It is agreed that Mr. Bury should be desired to charge his account of Tr'ership with 100*li.*, which the Towne lent the State, Anno 1643, and 20*li.* which Mr. Savage paid to his Company of Souldiers, as payd to the Towne (although it be not) there having ben an order from the Committee for payment thereof . . . And that 58*li.*, which Colonel Sydenham oweth the Brewhouse for beare while he lived at Weym°, shall be charged as payd also." C. 12.

1650, July 19. "It is ordered that Mr. Cole, the Towne Steward, shall pay vnto Henry Hillard the somme of three pounds, fifteene shillings, in full of his demands for worke don in time of the wars at the Avenues of the Towne, being one halfe of his bill. And that he allow all his Arreares due to the Towne, for the wast ground which he holds, of the said 3*li.* 15*s.*" C. 12.

1651, Oct. 15. "Received of Maior Ebery, Maior of Maior Generall Desboroughe Regiment of Foote, the day aboue written a purse of mony in which is, as he sayth, 36*li.* sealed vp, which he deposited with me, to be kept by me vntill I shall haue ordre vnder the Maior Generall's hand, or by word of mouth from him to [pay] it agayn, which I promised to doe. Richard Sauage, Maior. Witnes, Patroclus Cooke, Willm. Riall. Paid the mony agayn the 30 October, 1651, to Captayne Newborough, per the Maior Generall's letter as appears on the File." C. 12.

1651, Nov. 7. "For doubling of 158*li.* which was lent for the Parliament's vse, vidz., 100*li.* in the yeare 1643, and

58*li.* in the yeare 1645. Mr. John Bushrod is desired to take vp these monyes following, vidz.:

	£	s.	d.
Of Seaton monny in the Brewhouse ..	100	00	0
Of Mr. Mayor Savage, of Fordington mony	110	00	0
Of the Brewhouse, for 2 yeares interest of the foresayd 100*li.*	013	06	0
Of the Brewhouse old debts, from Charity James	026	00	0

And whatsoeuer else the monnyes aforesaid will require for doubling, Mr. Bushrod is desired to lay out of the Brewhouse mony. It being agreed that the foresayd monnyes be doubled vpon the propositions, and the bills sold, if possible, as soone as may be." C. 12.

1651, Nov. 19. "This day Mr. Bushrod deliuered vnto Mr. Bury 2 bills of exch' for to double the Towne monny, vidz., 1 bill from Mr. Geo. Cole for 100*li.* the other Mr. John Fisher for 50*li.*" C. 12.

1653, June 17. The Towne will place forth the second daughter of widow of Wm. Wyer, he having been drowned at Jersey in service under Col. Heanes. C. 12.

1653, Sept. 19. "Rec' from Jersey, from the Governor and souldiers there, the some of fifteene poundes collected there, and desired to bee ymployed to and for the vse and benefitt of the widdow Wyarr, late wife of Wm. Wyarr, drowned att Jersey, and for the benefit of her children." C. 12.

1654, June 2. Robert Cardrow claimed old arrears due to him for quartering of the Ld. of Crawford's men. £3 paid him in full of all such demands. C. 12.

1658, April 4. "William Chase, lately a trooper and farrier, desired leave to dwell in Towne and keepe a victualling house. To whome was answered that hee might come and dwell in Towne freely, but wee should not grant him a license for an Alehouse without the approbacion of Gen. Desborough or Capt. Southwood and Major Dewey." C. 12.

Fortifications of Weymouth.

1658, Sept. 10. Mr. Gilbert Whiffen desires to be paid the money he had expended by order of the Town, "for the charge of Labourers laid upon this town, towards the rayseinge the Fortifications at Waymouth."

1658, Sept. 17. The Town Steward is ordered to pay him £6 for what he paid for the town "in time of the wars at Weymouth." C. 15.

The Recruiting Act of 1756.

The Minute Book, C. 35, contains three written leaves only, recording a meeting of the Corporation 22nd March, 1756, pursuant to a notice from Harry Meggs, Esq., Sheriff of Dorset, when James Chaffey, gent., Mayor, Wm. Bryer, Thomas Cooper, Wm. Templeman and George Arden, gentlemen, Justices of the Peace for the Borough, qualified themselves for putting in execution an Act of 29 George II., "For the speedy and effectual recruiting his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines," by taking the several oaths required. At the same time the Commissioners elected Mr. George Cooper to be their clerk, and instructed the Constables to search for such able-bodied men as were fit to serve and bring them to the Guildhall, on 6th April following, when, if adjudged within the description of the Act, they would be enlisted and delivered into the King's service.

The outcome of these proceedings is distinctly amusing. One man, named Thomas Holme, was apprehended, but on examination was found to be "bursten bellyed," and was discharged, 6th April, 1756. The *corpus vile* was found in the person of a Devonshire man, who unluckily chanced to be in Dorchester, one Nicholas Smith, of Sydbury, Devon, vellmonger, who was apprehended and "delivered over to Captain Bar. Cope, of Lord Charles Hay's Regiment of Foot [33rd Regiment], for which man the said Captain paid unto the said Constables the sum of 20*s*., and also 12*s*. for keeping him and another man (whom the said Captain refused to take, not being within the description of the said Act) twelve days in custody, and to the Commissioners' clerk the sum of 2*s*. pursuant to the direction of the said Act." 22 Jan., 1757. No more appears to have been done under the Act.

Billetting Dragoon Horses.

Boro' of Dorchester, 15th January, 1795.

Honored Sir,

A Complaint on Oath being made before me by Thomas Wrinch, Quarter Master in his Majesty's First or Royal Dragoons, against Thomas Johnson, an Inn keeper in this Borough, stating that an allowance of eighteen pounds weight of Hay, and six pounds weight of Straw for litter, provided by him, together with the allowance of corn are not sufficient for a Troop Horse; (but there was no complaint of the Hay

not being good and proper, it being water-meadow Hay, the common produce in this neighbourhood). The said Thomas Johnson alleged in his defence that it was regulated by the War Office, and adopted by several towns in this kingdom where Dragoons were quartered, that the stated quantity of eighteen pounds weight of Hay, and six pounds weight of Straw is sufficient for each Dragoon Horse per day. I beg the honor of a line if such stipulations have been made in order to regulate my conduct on this occasion. Cr. Arden, Mayor.
The Rt. Honble. Wm. Wyndham, War Office, London. C. 42*a*.

War Office, 17th January, 1795.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., and after returning you the Secretary of War's thanks for the attention which you are therein pleased to shew to His Majesty's service, I have to acquaint you that no line has been drawn under the sanction of Government in regard to the quantity of Hay and Straw to be furnished by the Innholders for the Dragoon Horses billetted upon them.

The Secretary at War very readily admits, and it has in several Instances been said both to the Magistrates and to the Troops, that confining the question merely to the *weight* of Hay and Straw sufficient for a Horse for 24 Hours, it might fairly be determined by the proportion allowed to the Troops in Barracks; But how to regulate the mode and time of delivery; how to supply the means of which the Non-commissioned officers and Soldiers at every stable must be put in possession of, to ascertain that the fixed quantity is actually delivered to them; and what is still more indispensably necessary, to give them the certain means of keeping that quantity apart,—applicable only to their own Horses, and safe from the depredations of the many persons who have the same access to the stables as the Soldiers, and at all Hours of the day and night while the Soldiers are absent either on duty or at rest. These several circumstances present such difficulties as to render it scarcely possible to adopt the measure proposed without real injury to the King's Service; besides occasioning more frequent disputes than even now arise between the Troops and Innholders, and more frequent trouble to the Magistrates in settling them.

The Legislature seems purposely to have left the quantity unlimited, and has vested the Magistrates with the power of determining on any complaint made before them, whether

the quantity supplied was, or was not, *good and sufficient*: and Mr. Windham conceives the Magistrates are bound to govern themselves by the law as it now stands. M. Lewis.
The Mayor of Dorchester. C. 42*a*.

Danger of Invasion.

The assistance given by the town when the country was alarmed by Napoleon's preparations for the invasion of England is displayed in the following paragraphs :—

1798, Feb. 26. "Unanimously resolved that towards the Defence of our Country against the threatened attacks of our Enemies the sum of Fifty pounds be immediately subscribed, and annually continued during the present War; and that an Entertainment usually given by the Mayor at Michaelmas be discontinued, and the sum allowed for the defraying that Expence be applied for the above purpose.

The Corporation having expended a considerable sum in the Building a new Town Hall prevents them from contributing more largely, and agreeable to their wishes on the present alarming Crisis." C. 42*a*.

Burgage List or Rate, 1737.

The bundle numbered B. 51 contains three rolls, the first of which is here printed, and is dated 1737. The second is entitled "Burgage Rate, 1764," and the third, "A Rental of all the Lands, Burgages, and Tenements of this Borough, renewed at the Feast of Saint Michael old style," 10 George III., 1770. Morgan Yeatman, Mayor.

The payments remain apparently unchanged throughout this period.

The Borough of Dorchester. The Burgage List to be collected on the Owners of lands and tenements in the said Borough for two years ended at Midsomer, 1737, in the Mayoraltys of Daniel Arden and Walter Crow, gentlemen.

The Parish of Holy Trinity.

	s.	d.
Mr. Henry Bestland's house	0	6
Elizabeth Heaviland, for the Crown Inn	1	0
John Jacob's house, late Hodder's	0	6
Sir William Chapple's house	0	6
William Chaning's house ..	0	6
The house, late Lawrence Snook's	0	3
John Petty's house	0	3
Mr. Walter Gollop's houses, late Hodder's	0	6
Thomas Tyrrell's house ..	0	3

	s.	d.
The Widdow Hedgecock's house	0	3
Mr. Nic. Weare's houses, late his Father's	0	9
Mr. John Gollop's houses ..	1	0
David Hayden's houses ..	0	6
George Browne, Esqr., for the Royal Oak	0	6
The Widdow Snook's and Sheppard's house	0	3
The lands of F. Fulford, Esq., now Miller's	0	3
Henry Alder's house.. ..	0	3
The houses, late Mr. Laurence Snook's	0	9
John Gale, for his houses and the houses late Thos. Snook's, the Baker	1	0
Nic. Weare's house	0	6
Jos. Damer's, Esqr., house ..	0	6
Anthony Read's house ..	0	3
Netherberry lands in possession of Dr. Leigh and Lawrence Shepherd	0	6
John Scutt's house	0	3
The house, late D. Shepherd's, now Alder's	0	3
John Cozens, his houses, in possession of Old	0	6
William Gape's house ..	0	3
John Teuixberry's house ..	0	3
Henry Harbin's house ..	0	3
John Browne, Esqr.'s houses	0	6
Ralph Brine's house.. ..	0	3
Joseph Gigger's houses, late Battin's	0	6
John Wilse, his houses ..	0	6
The Widdow Shepherd's house	0	6
John Crimble's house ..	0	3
The lands, late Mr. Jno. Samwayes'	0	6
Mr. George Cooper's houses, late Lester's	0	6
William Jacob's house ..	0	3
Mr. Peter Templeman's houses	0	6
The Widdow Nelson's house..	0	6
Mr. Robert Gundry's house (Queen's Arms)	0	9
Mr. Richard Cooper's house, and his house in Peas Lane	1	0
Mr. Robert Fildew's house, and his Malthouse in Peas Lane	0	9
George Drewer's houses ..	0	9
Thomas Warren's house, in possession of Rickwood ..	0	6
The Widdow of Sam. Snook's house	0	6
John Syme's, late T. Mitchell's house	0	3
The Widdow of Charles Meader's house (late Cooper's lands)	0	6
Thomas Randle, for the house late H. Harbin	0	3
The Widdow of the late Thos. Meader's house	0	6
Wm. Hayden's houses, late Morey's	0	9
The Corner house in Pease Lane, late Wells'	0	3
James Bly's houses, late Wooton's and Mitchell's ..	0	6
Temple Slade's houses, late Spring's	0	6
Richard Banger's house ..	0	3
The Quakers' Meeting, in possession of Antrim ..	0	6
Joseph Damer's house, late Martin's	0	3
The houses late Dry's, possessed by Read	0	6
The Meeting house, formerly Gould's	0	6
Mary Haggard's house ..	0	3
William Clapcott's houses ..	0	6
Joseph Phelps' house ..	0	3
The Widdow of Jno. Martin's house	0	3
Wm. Lock's house	0	3
James Gaylard's house at Hell Pound	0	3
Thomas Rawlins's house ..	0	3
John White's house	0	3
John Seale the younger, his house, late Gould's ..	0	3
Robert Browne, Esqr., houses, late Stickland's	0	7½
Thomas Gould's houses, formerly Stickland's	0	4½
John Seal the elder, his house	0	3

	s.	d.
The lands late Mr. Robert Rasker's	0	6
Mr. George Lester's houses ..	0	6
The Shop and Garden of Mr. Richd. Cooper	0	3
John Moores his house, late N. Martin's	0	3
John Lawes, his house ..	0	3
Wm. Pook and Thomas Miller's house	0	3
The house late John Mitchell's	0	3
Mr. Francis Kingston's houses	0	9
Samuel Read's house ..	0	3
James Pook's house	0	3
Mr. Burleigh's Stable and Garden	0	3
Alice Jackson's houses ..	0	6
Roger Clavell, Esqr., his house	0	3
John Bond, Esqr's house ..	0	3
John Hunt's house	0	3
John Petty's house, in possession of Paddock	0	3
Samuel Rumsey's house ..	0	3
Dennis Bond, Esqr., house in possession of R. Alder ..	0	3
Thos. Chyzell's house ..	0	3
Wm. Thorn's house, late Foster's	0	3
John Denning's house ..	0	3
Samuel Meader's house ..	0	3
Thomas Evomey's house ..	0	3
Mr. William Templeman's malt-house	0	3
Wm. Turner's house	0	3
James Grey's house	0	3
John Watt's houses	0	6
The house late James Powell's	0	3
The lands of Henry Bestland	0	6
Doctor Leigh, for the Glebe lands	1	0
The lands late Chubb's, in the Bowling Alley	[*blank*]	

The Parish of Saint Peter.

	s.	d.
Mr. Thomas Loder's house (The George Inn)	0	9
The Widdow of John Long, her house	0	3
Her house in the Church Yard	0	3
Leonard Teuxberry's house..	0	3
Mr. Clapcott's house, late Croad's	0	6
Mr. Churchill's house, in possession of Stickland	0	3
Mr. Daniel Arden's house ..	0	6
William Gawler's house ..	0	6
The Widdow Fildew's house	0	6
Andrew Wake's house ..	0	3
Richard Rose's house ..	0	3
James Parsons's house ..	0	3
John Fone's house, late Mocher's	0	3
Samuel Rickwood, late Galpin's	0	3
Mr. William Bryer's house, late Hopkins'	0	3
Bushrod's houses, now Mrs. Arden's	0	6
Sarah Evomey's house ..	0	3
Roger Hancock and Nic. Eyres's house	0	3
The Owner of the Castle ..	0	3
Thomas Chaning, his house ..	0	6
Mr. Stanning, his house, late Cooper's	0	6
Mr. Fran. Purchase's house, late Cooper's	0	6
Mr. Joseph Seward's house ..	0	6
The Widdow Baily's house ..	0	3
Joshua Brooks's house (The Red Lyon)	0	9
George Cooper's houses ..	0	6
Caleb Brooks's house (The White Horse)	0	6
Mr. George Yeat's house, and for his cottages in All Saints' parish	1	6
Morgan Harbin's house ..	0	3
Thomas Eames's house, late Maber's	0	3
The Widow Gape's house ..	0	6
Samuel Bedlow's house ..	0	3

	s.	d.
Philip Nichols' house, in possession of Ironside	0	3
The house late Matt. Hilson's	0	3
Richard Ayling's house ..	0	3
Mrs. Jacob's, late Brinn's ..	0	6
The house late John Gillingham's	0	6
John Clarriott's house, late Fawr's	0	3
Thomas Hern's house ..	0	6
The house late Francis Gaylard's	0	6
Mr. Robert Clapcott's house	0	6
The Countess of Abingdon's houses	1	0
Charles Austin's house ..	0	3
The house late Mary Dowles	0	3
William Marshfield's house (called "The Wood and Stone" in 1770)	0	6
John Gundry, Esqr., his houses, late Oldis	0	6
Joseph Phelps's house ..	0	6
James Bartlett's house (The Greyhound)	0	6
Thomas Strangwayes Horner, Esqr., house	0	9
Mr. Wm. Floyer's house ..	0	6
Richard Sumer's house, late Roy's	0	3
Mr. Walter Crow's houses ..	0	6
Mr. Henry Churchill's house	0	6
The Widdow of John Damer, her house	0	3
John Carrington's house ..	0	3
Thomas Chyzell's house, late Glisson	0	6
Mr. Cozens's house, late Nat. Gould	0	6
Richard Stagg's house ..	0	9
John Gilispye's house ..	0	6
The Widow Samwayes's house, late Swain's	1	0
The School Master, for his houses and gardens ..	0	6
Matthew Hellard's house ..	0	3
Abraham Grey's house ..	0	3
The Widdow Chaldecott, late P. Grey	0	9
Abraham Janssen, Esquire, his houses, late Smith's ..	1	0
Matt. Cresdy's houses and gardens	0	6
Wm. Swaine's house.. ..	0	3
Humphry Hardy's house ..	0	3
John Coombes's house, late Grey's	0	3
Matt. Coombes's house, late Grey's	0	3
William Chick's house ..	0	3
Rawlins Lands, late Willm. Grey's	0	3
The house, late Mr. Jos. Chaldecott's	0	3
Samuel Grey's house (late Douche's)	0	6
Thomas Tapp's house ..	0	6
The Widow Speak's house ..	1	0
Mr. William Templeman's house	0	6
John Gould, Esqr., his house	0	6
Robert Hawes's house (The Three Crowns)	0	9
Mr. Thomas Gollop's houses	1	0
Dr. Leigh's house and Glebe lands	0	6
Mr. Thomas Cooper's house..	0	3
Madam Pitt's house, late Carrington's	0	6
Thomas Atkins's house (The Antelope)	0	6
Awnsham Churchill, Esqr., his house	0	6
Mr. Wooton's house, late Woolmington's	0	6
John Tucker's and Geo. Filliter's house	0	6
Mr. John Colson's house ..	0	6
Robert Snook's house, late Gollop's	0	6
The house, late Mr. Ric. Samwayes	0	3
Thomas Snook's house ..	0	3
Mrs. Kellaway's house, in possession of Mr. Wm. Channing, and her Stable and Garden	0	9
Thomas Randle's house ..	0	6

The Parish of All Saints.

	s.	d.
Eliz. Battin's house (The King's Arms)	1	3
The houses, late Charles Young	0	6
Thomas Eames's house ..	0	3
Mr. Joseph Seward's houses..	1	3
The house, late Anthony's, in possession of Tapp ..	0	3
Anthony's house (The Black Horse)	0	3
James Gaylard's house, late Butler's	0	3
The Parsonage house ..	0	6
Mr. Daw and Westbury, late Wiffen	0	6
John Brin's house	0	6
Wm. Tucker's house.. ..	0	3
John Battin's house	0	3
Mr. Purches' house, late *W. Seward* (?)	0	3
The Widdow Hewet's house	0	3
John Shepherd's house ..	0	3
The widdow of Sebastian Hunt, her house	1	0
John Lilly's house (The Exchequer)	0	6
Mr. R. Knapton's house, late Lovelace's	0	3
Ann Batt, her house (The White Hart)	0	6
Edward Seymour's house ..	0	3
Deborah Warman's house ..	0	3
Tho: Daw and Westbury's house	0	6
Thomas Standish's houses ..	0	9
Isaack Bennet's house ..	0	6
Edward Vincent's house ..	0	3
John Long's house	0	3
John Symes's houses, late Mitchell's	0	3
The Owner of James Gibbs's house	0	6
John Lilly's house, late Lemon's	0	3
The house, late Hillgrove's ..	0	3
Edward Stickland's house ..	0	3
Sir William Napier's house ..	0	3
James Shorto's house (The Angel)	0	6
Emanuel Chapman's house ..	0	6
Mr. Ingram and Daw's house (The Phœnix)	1	3
The Widdow Pitman's house, late Ryton's	0	3
Mr. John Pitman's houses and malthouse	1	0
The house, late James Standish's	0	3
Matthew Cresdy's house ..	0	3
Robert Fook's house ..	0	6
John Sherrington's house ..	0	3
Wm. Dowle's house	0	3
John Gundry's, Esqr., his houses	1	3
Nicholas Weare's houses ..	0	6
James Standish's house ..	0	3
Peter Standish's house ..	0	6
Thomas Middleton's house ..	0	3
Mr. Reynaldo Knapton's houses	0	9
Mr. Walter Crow's house, late Brinns'	0	3
William Harris's house ..	0	3
John Bartlett's houses ..	0	6
Henry Harbin's house, late Gawler's	0	3
Thomas Arnold's house, late Rogers	0	3
The Widdow Hutchins, her house	0	3
Sarah Harris's house ..	0	3
The Widdow Slade's house ..	0	3
William Grey's house, late Hutchins	0	3
Joseph Blandymore's house..	0	3
Thomas Chyzell's, for his Close and Garden	0	6
Mr. Robert Loder's Cottages, Close and Garden at Gallows Hill	0	6
Mr. John Colson's houses and gardens	0	6
John Gundry's, Esqr., house, late Vaughon's	0	6
Mr. Derby's houses, late Wood's	0	6
The house, late John Gaylard's	0	3

	s.	d.
William Hellard's house, late Creech's	0	3
Mr. Loder and Seward, for the houses late Madam Stevenson's	[*blank*]	
Mr. Robert Loder's house, in his possession	[*blank*]	
George White, Esqr., his house	0	3
The widdow of John Hellard, her house	0	3
Richard Cole's houses (The Green Dragon)	0	6
Richard Cole's malthouse ..	0	3
John Gould, Esqr., his barn and close	0	3
William Read's house	0	3
The house, late Martin's, in possession of Smith ..	0	3
Thomas Lock's house ..	0	3
John Ping's house, late Lock's ..	0	3
Sam. Winzar's house ..	0	3
Mr. Will. Templeman's house, in possession of Benjamin Carrington	0	3
Thomas Fownes', Esq., house, late Collins'	0	6
Philip Elliott, his house ..	0	3
Mr. Jno. Andrews	0	3
Mrs. Mary Lockitt	0	3

Freeholders, 1749–1750.

Comprised in C. 31 and C. 32 are found "The Names of the Freeholders of the Borough [of Dorchester] aforesaid that owe Suit and Service at the Court Leet and Law day held for the said Borough on Monday, 10th April, 1749: and for 2nd Octr., 1749, and for 30 April, 1750, and for 1 Octr., 1750." The words in italics are additions in another hand.

Wm. Churchill, Esq.
The Heirs of Joseph Dammer, Esq. *John Dammer, Esq.*
John Dolling.
The Feoffees of Netherbury Freeschole.
Nicholas Weare, gent.
The Heirs of John Scutt.
The Heirs of Lawrence Snook. *John Floyer, Esq.*
Anthony Reed.
John Gole [? Gale].
The Heirs of Henry Alder.
The Heirs of Francis Fulford, Esq.
The Heirs of Giles Mitchell. *John Mitchell.*
Francis Haydon.
Robert Browne, Esq.
David Haydon. *Thomas Haydon.*
John Gollop, Esq.
John Jacob, mercer.
Churchill Rose, Esq.
The Heirs of Henry Bestland (?) *John White.*
The Heirs of Lawrence Snook.
John White Cooper.
Wm. Peate. *The Heirs of.*
Richard Cooper, gent.
Conyers Place, clerk.
Robert Gundry, gent. *The Heirs of.*
The Heirs of Zachary Nelson. *John Nelson.*
The Heirs of George Lester. *John Wheeler.*
Peter Templeman, gent. *The Heirs of.*
The Heirs of Wm. Jacob.
The Heirs of Thomas Gregg, gent. *Thomas Gregg, gent.*
The Heirs of George Coombs. *Thomas Coombs.*
Francis Dolling.
John Pitt, Esq.
The Heirs of John Fitzjames.
John Browne, Esq. [*Erased.*]
The Heirs of John Tuexbury.
The Heirs of Wm. Gape.
The Heirs of Denis Bond, Esq. *John Bond, Esq.*
Robert Lumley Kingston.
The Heirs of Thomas Gould.
The Heirs of Thomas Rawlins. *Thomas Rawlins.*

Thomas Banger.
James Bly.
Wm. Haydon.
John Meeder.
The Heirs of Charles Meader. *Charles Meader.*
John Synes.
The Heirs of Thomas Randall.
The Heirs of John Kellaway. *Nich. Kellaway.*
George Trenchard, Esq.
The Heirs of Richard Samwayes.
The Heirs of John Long. *John Long.*
Daniel Arden, gent.
Thomas Meech, Esq. [*D.M. added.*]
The Heirs of Samuel Bushrod. *George Cude.*
Thomas Channing.
Samuel Stanning, gent.
Francis Purchase.
The Heirs of Joseph Seward, gent.
The Heirs of Richard Mitchell.
The Heirs of Caleb Brooks. *Caleb Brooks.*
The Heirs of Wm. Yeat, gent.
Robert Loder, gent. [*Erased.*]
Thomas Eames.
The Heirs of Tho. Gape.
The Heirs of Sir Wm. Chapple, Knt.
The Heirs of John Gillingham.
The Heirs of Wm. Williams, Esq.
John Martin.
The Heirs of Francis Gaylard. [*Erased.*]
The Heirs of James Gould, Esq.
The Heirs of Robert Clapcott.
Joseph Phelps. *The heirs of.*
John Loop, clerk. *The heirs of.*
The Heirs of Thomas Strangwayes, Esq.
The Heirs of Wm. Floyer, clerk.
Henry Churchill, clerk. *William Churchill.*
The Heirs of John Carrington.
Richard Stagg.
The Heirs of Ann Churchill, widow.
Mathew Hellard.
Abraham Gray.
Mathew Crisdy. *Tho. White.*
The Heirs of Peter Gray.
The Heir of Joseph Clapcott. *Altered to Chaldicott.*
The Heir of Wm. Gray.
The Heir of Samuel Gray.
The Heir of Thomas Tapp.
Geo. Speke, Esq.
John Gould, Esq.
Thos. Gollop, gent. *Samuel Jacob.*
Awnsham Churchill, Esq. *John Meech, Esq.*
Justinian Ekins, Esq.
Henry Wootton, clerk.
The Heir of John Tucker.
John Colson, clerk.
Wm. Pitt, Esq.
The Heir of Arthur Anthony.
The Heir of John Butler.
The Heir of Henry Whiffen.
The Heir of John Brine. *Clement Brine.*
The Heir of Benjamin Hewitt. *Mr. Anthony Kenn.*
The Heir of Sebautin (?) Hunt. *Robert Hunt.*
John Pitman, gent.
Sir Wm. Gerard Nappier, Baronet.
Harry Henning.
Thomas Standish.
Nathaniel Stickland.
Isaac Bennett. *The heirs of.*
Edward Vincent. [*Erased.*]
The Heir of John Derbie, clerk. *Tho. Pitman.*
The Heir of Samuel Rolle, Esq.
The Heir of Wm. Dowle.
Robert Fook.
John Oldis, gent. *The heirs of.*

FREEHOLDERS, 1813.

A later list of Freeholders, called at the Court Leet, 4th October, 1813, occurs in C. 43.

Chas. Austin.
John Amor.
Rev. Thos. Bryer.
William Bower, Esq.
George Bagster.
Henry Bly.
Richard Barnwell.
James Bower.
Thomas Bower.
Matthew Baker.
John Bascombe.
Edward Boswell.
John Bartlett.
Rev. Edmund Bryer.
Joseph Bedloe.
Thomas Curme.
Charles Cosens.
Robt. Albion Cox, Esq.
Christr. Cooper, Esq.
Edward Cave.
Rev. Wm. Rush Hallett Churchill.
John Phelps Chick.
Rev. John Davis.
William Davis.
Edward Ensor.
John Ensor.
Thomas Fisher.
George Frampton.
George Frampton, jun.
John Garland.
John Greening.
Robert Henning.
Rev. Samuel Howe.
Thomas Hardy.
William Hayne.
Bennett Harvey.
John Hamilton.
John Hackley.
William Henning.
Mathew Jacob.
Benjamin Jeffries.
Henry Lake.
John Evomy Norman.
Francis Oakley.
Thomas Pouncy.
James Parsons.
Robert Pattison, Esq.
William Pearce.
Thos. Gould Read, Esq.
Rev. Henry Jno. Richman.
Robert Russell.
Rt. Honble. Charles Ashley, Earl of Shaftesbury
George Stickland, Esq.
Nathaniel Stickland, Esq.
Isaac Sparks.
James Scott.
Robert Shittler.
William Slyfield.
George Peace Scott.
John Standish.
William Smith.
Thomas Tapp.
Henry Tooze.
Joseph Trenow.
Rev. Frederick Trenow.
John Trenchard, Esq.
John Willis.
Robert Williams, Esq.
John Wood.
Thomas Willis.
Rev. Samuel Wallis.
Richard Wallis.
Morgan Yeatman.
William Zillwood.

LESSEES OF THE TOWN BURGAGES, 1582-1633.

Trinity Parish.

Henry Whittle, of Dorchester, merchant	.. ..	19 July, 27 Eliz.
Joseph Underwood, of Dorchester, Grocer	.. ..	16 Oct., 16 Jac.
Thos. Adyn, of Fordington, Yoman	.. ..	11 Oct., 38 Eliz.
John Cox, of Bockhampton, Sheppard	.. ..	27 Oct., 28 Eliz.
John Parkins, of Dorchester, Merchant	.. ..	23 Mch., 12 Jac.
John Terrin, of Dorchester, Poyntmaker	.. ..	1 Mch., 1 Jac.
John Spicer, of Dorchester, Taylor	.. ..	19 July, 27 Eliz.
George Robinson, of Dorchester, gent.	.. ..	19 July, 27 Eliz.

An annuity of 5 *sh.*, granted by Angell Smith, gent., of Stratton, Dorset, 13 Sep., 19 Eliz., out of his lands, &c., commonly called the fearme of Stratton and Stratton mill, to the Bailiffs and Burgesses of Borough of Dorchester, for 70 years following, . . . " with a proviso that if the original Leases mencioned in a Tripartite deede made betwene Giles Symonds, gent., of the first parte, Angell Smith of the second parte and the said Bailiffs and Burgesses of the third parte, which are now in the custody of the said Bailiffs and Burgesses, be deliuered out of their custody with the consent of the said Giles Symonds and Angell, and their executors, during the said terme, then these presents shall cease."

John Wood, of Dorchester, husbandman, Alice, his wife, Luke Dier, son of said Alice .. 3 Apl., 16 Jac.
Ellioner Waters, wife of Edw. Waters, of Dorchester, laborer, and Joane Waters and Margaret Waters, their drs. .. .. .. 10 Aug., 2 Jac.
Rd. Turner, of Dorchester, shoemaker, Robt. Turner and Mary Turner, his children .. .. 20 Aug., 4 Jac.
"Joseph Paty, for his incrochment for a porch at his doare to pay yearly for it vnto the Bailiffs v*jd.*"

Peter's Parish.

John Henning, of Dorchester, gent. .. 31 Oct., 25 Eliz.
Margarett Meech, of Dorchester, wid., Henry Meech and Margaret Meech, her children .. 4 Apl., 14 Jac.
(Margaret Meech married Mr. John Blachford.)
Mathew Chubb, of Dorchester, yoman .. 20 Mch., 43 Eliz.
James Yokeney, of Dorchester, Tailor .. 17 Oct., 12 Jac.
John Melege, Margaret his wife, Ed. Eares and Joseph Eares, her sons .. .. 24 Aug., 21 Jac.
James James and Dorothe, his wife .. 25 June, 1612.
Thos. Fookewell [Foxwell], of Dorchester, vintner, and Anne, his wife .. .. 27 Oct., 19 Jac.
Phillip Nicholls, of Dorchester, Taylor .. 3 Apr., 16 Jac.
John Denys, of Dorchester, Taylor, Eliz., his wife, and John Denys, their son .. .. 3 May, 33 Eliz.
Margaret Ellen, wife of John Ellen, of Dorchester, ropemaker, and Gartrude Warberton, her dr. .. 10 June, 7 Jac.
John Ellin, of Dorchester, roper, and Alice, his wife .. 12 Mch., 18 Jac.
"Math. Boniour [Bonger] for the shepe market for his naturall life payeng yerely 10*li.* to the Mayor and Burgesses on Midsomer day."
Richard Williams, himself, his wife, and Israell Tollervill, of a house in All Saints, rent 40*s.*
Elizth. Avyne, wife of Robt. Avyne, of Dorchester, Robt. Avyne, their son, and Margaret, dr. of John White, of Chesselborne .. .. 20 Oct., 30 Eliz.
Robt. Coke[r], of Dorchester, goldsmith, Martha, his wife, Mathew Coker, his son .. 13 Nov., 1604.
Robert Coker, of Dorchester, goldsmith .. 20 Apr., 16 Jac.
Robt. Roy, of Dorchester, needlemaker, Anne, his wife, John, their son .. .. 17 Aug., 18 Jac.
Symon Churchhouse, of Dorchester, tailor, Edith, his wife, and Joan, his dr. .. .. 10 Oct., 3 Jac.
Wm. Facy, of Dorchester, baker .. .. 8 May, 14 Eliz.
Margarett Chubb, wid., of Dorchester .. 30 Apl., 18 Jac.
James James, of Weymouth, and Melcombe Regis, merchant, and Dorothie, his wife .. 25 June, 10 Jac.

All Saints'.

Richard Williams and Chr., his wife .. 21 May, 22 Jac.
Thos. Stone, the elder, of Dorchester, shoemaker, Johan and Richard, his children .. 17 July, 27 Eliz.
"Jno. Standish, senior, hath noe lease of it (tho' he hath payd his fyne vi*li.*) but enjoyth a passage called the Dane [or Dene] to the westward of it,

and is the town land, but what length and bredth is not exprest." [Refers to the preceding entry.]

Rd. Oldish, of Dorchester, shoemaker, Elizth., his wife, and Edith Blachford, dr. of Rd. Blachford, of Dorchester, merchant	20 Sept., 12 Jac.
Robert Short, of Dorchester, skynner ..	4 Apl., 14 Jac.
Robert Short	21 Mch., 9 Car.
John Yeate, of Dorchester, clother, Rd. Barker, of Dorchester, shoemaker	30 Nov., 39 Eliz.
Robt. Colson, of Dorchester, grocer ..	30 Nov., 39 Eliz.
Wm. Adyn, of Stafford, Dorset, yoman ..	30 Nov., 39 Eliz.
Exchange of two plots of land, each half-acre in extent, in the East Walls, between Wm. Adyn, of Stafford, and the Burgesses of Dorchester ..	20 Nov., 39 Eliz.
John Gould, of Dorchester, merchant ..	13 Oct., 15 Jac.
John White, of Dorchester, clarke (16 yards in the East Walls)	13 Dec., 15 Jac.
(Re-granted to Nathaniell White, who hath sold it to Short.)	
John Watts	30 Nov., 39 Eliz.
Robert Osborne	16 Sept., 5 Car.
Mr. Rd. Savage (on his life and the lives of John and Samuel, his sons)	14 Sept., 8 Car.
Wm. Othry (Pease Lane)	3 Oct., 8 Car.

C. 14.

This list does not seem to be complete, as lists are entered of leases wanting in 30 May 1623, 26 Nov. 1652.

Rental of Town Burgages, etc., 1780.

"A Survey and Rentall of the several Burgages, Tenements and Lands belonging to the Corporation of Dorchester." (Endorsed 1780, but has some later dates.) C. 39.*

Lessee.	Rent. s.	d.	Description.
Countess of Abingdon, 1749	4	0	Two barns, All Saints'. (2 acres.)
Mr. Christopher Arden, 1775	2	6	Garden heretofore used by occupiers of the George Inn, on south side of Pease Lane, St. Peter's
Mr. Wm. Bryer, 1775 ..	1 0	0	Burgage in St. Peter's
Rev. Thos. Bryer, 1775 ..	2	0	Stable and garden, late Short's Malthouse, All Saints', behind the Green Dragon

* Another rental of burgages belonging to the Corporation, amounting to £66 1s. 10d., and extending from Christmas, 1761, to Christmas, 1762, is found in C. 37. Rentals of Town lands, Christmas, 1783 and 1786, and a rental of Butchers' Shops, Michaelmas, 1783, are comprised in C. 40.

Lessee.	Rent.			Description.
		s.	d.	
Jas. Buller, Esq., and Hussey, his wife, 1766		4	0	Barn and Backside, behind Green Dragon, All Saints'.
Henry Bryer, 1783		16	0	Stable and Garden in Pease Lane, late R. Snook's
Mr. Edw. Cozens, 1770 ..	1	0	0	Burgage in St. Peter's
Mr. W. Channing, 1742 ..		13	4	Burgage in Holy Trinity
Rev. John Cooper, 1743 ..		5	0	Burgage in Pease Lane, Holy Trinity
Mrs. Ann Cooper, 1749 ..	1	0	0	Stable and Garden in the Shirehall Lane
Mr. Thos. Cooper, 1750 ..		8	0	Close in All Saints'.
Mr. Thos. Cooper, 1751 ..		4	0	Two Cottages, All Saints'
Lady Chapple, 1757 ..	2	0	0	Burgage in Holy Trinity
Mr. Jas. Chaffey, 1755 ..		2	0	Messuage in High East Street, All Saints'
Mr. Jas. Chaffey, 1755 ..		2	0	Messuage at Gallows Hill
Thos. England, 1783 ..	3	0	0	Messuage in Pease Lane, on west side of Meeting House (late Cooper's)
Henry Evomy, 1755 ..		12	0	Messuage in St. Peter's, near the Bull Stake
Late John Fone's ..	In hand.			Messuage at Bull Stake, let at rack rent of £5 per annum
James Goodall, 1755 ..	1	0	0	Messuage in St. Peter's, opposite Chubb's Almshouse
Jacob Hitchcock, 1732 ..			6	Piece of Ground, 28 ft. 3 in. long by 2 ft. broad, on which stands the front of his house in Trinity parish, lease 900 years from 19 Feb., 1732
Mr. [Dr.] John Hawkeens 1766	1	0	0	Part of Barn and Stable, St. Peter's (late Jacob's Barn)
Rev. Mr. Hubbock, 1781 ..		6	0	The School Close
Mr. Robt. Loder, 1748 ..	10	0	0	George Inn, St. Peter's
Mr. Robert Loder, 1750 ..		10	0	Close and Houses at Gallows Hill
Mrs. Elizth. Leigh, 1758 ..		10	0	Messuage
Mr. Robt. Lambert, 1762 ..		5	0	New Stable, near Castle, St. Peter's
Mr. Robt. Lambert, 1787 ..	2	13	4	Messuage in St. Peter's, late Widow Snooke's
Mr. Robt. Lambert, 1769 ..	1	6	8	Corner Shop and Cellar, St. Peter's
Right Hon. Joseph Lord Milton, 1777		6	6	Burgage on Bull Stake, late Rose's, and a little room under, part of the said Burgage, called the Engine House
Mr. John Pitiman, 1739 ..	2	0	0	Black Horse Inn, All Saints'
Mr. John Pitman, 1777 ..	4	0	0	New Messuage, South Street, St. Peter's
Eliz. and Mary Paddock, 1759		9	0	Messuage, Holy Trinity

Lessee.	Rent.	Description.
	s. d.	
Rd. Paddock, 1750 ..	4 4	Messuage at east end of the thoroughfare late in possession of John Scutt
Mr. Jas. Parsons, 1754 ..	8 0	Messuage on Bull Stake, St. Peter's
Mr. Saml. Rickword, 1766..	1 10 0	Messuage in St. Peter's
Rt. Hon. Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury, 1769	1 10 0	Shop or lower room, bounded on east by passage leading to St. Peter's Church (late Richards')
Rt. Hon. Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury, 1769	2 13 4	Burgage in St. Peter's, late Tuexbury's, bounded on east by the above-mentioned shop
Rt. Hon. Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury, 1769	6	Shop, St. Peter's, between the two above-mentioned (late Peate's)
Rt. Hon. Mary, Countess Dowager of Shaftesbury, 1775	5 0	Burgage in the thoroughfare of Holy Trinity (late Thrasher's)
Thos. Standish, 1732 ..	1 0 0	Messuage in Durn Lane, All Saints'
Robt. Snook, 1734	16 0	Stable and Garden, Pease Lane
Robt. Snook, 1735	2 13 4	Messuage, St. Peter's, formerly Max. Gollop's
Mrs. Martha Stickland and Mr. Robt. Stickland, 1763	5 0	Messuage in Pease Lane
Mr. Robt. Stickland, 1787 ..	8 0	Messuage in Holy Trinity
John Tucker, Esq., 1769 ..	10 0	Messuage in Holy Trinity, against the West Walls
Mr. Wm. Templeman, 1756	1 0 0	A new House
Mr. Wm. Templeman, 1766	2 0	Half an acre (late Watts')
William White, 1723 ..	2 0	House in lower end of Back South Street, St. Peter's.
		The Exhibition House, let to Mr. John Oldis, for £5 per annum

Butchers' Shops. (Abstract.) C. 39.

No.	Lessee.	Rent.	Description.
		£ s. d.	
7	In hand	16 0	In hand (late Bull's)
2 & 3	Mr. Wm. Davis, 1761 ..	1 12 0	Two Butchers' Shops and a Room over
9	In hand	12 0	In hand (late Eames's)
10	Wm. Ewer, Esq., 1762 ..	12 0	
11	Thos. Ewer, Esq., 1762 ..	8 0	

No.	Lessee.	Rent.			Description.
		£	s.	d.	
13	Mr. Steph. Ford, 1762 ..		16	0	
15	David Robt. Michel, Esq., 1766		8	0	Late Fole's
14	In Hand		8	0	Late Thos. M. Pleydell, Esq.
12	In Hand	1	4	0	Late C. Brune's, Esq.
5	John Pouncy, 1751.. ..		16	0	
6	Thos. Standish, 1732 ..		16	0	
17	Mr. N. Stickland, in trust for R. Lock, 1752		16	0	
16	Mrs. Edith Tucker, now Edith Slade, 1751		8	0	
8	Thos. White, jun., 1766 ..		16	0	Late Haydon's

N.B.—In C. 4*a*, a Rental at Michaelmas, 1783, the Butcher's Shop, No. 1, is called "The Corner Shop" (taken down).

No. 4, late Rose's 8[*s.*]. This is probably included in Mr. Wm. Davis's holdings.

No. 2.	Mr. Wm. Davis	16	0		
„ 3.	The same, for a room taken down ..	8	0	£1	12 0
„ 4.	Late Rose's	8	0		

A Survey and Rental of Lands belonging to Chubb's Almshouse. (Abstract.) C. 39.

Lessee.	Rent.			Description.
	£	s.	d.	
In hand	1	4	0	Messuage and Garden in West Walls (late Deer's)
Mr. John Lawes	3	0	0	Messuage at higher end of Back West Street, Holy Trinity
Thos. Pook		7	6	House in West Back Street, Holy Trinity
Mr. John Pitman	1	0	0	Cottage and Garden in West Walls
Mr. John Pitman		5	0	Messuage and Garden in West Walls (late Child's)
Geo. Richards, Esq. ..	1	6	8	Cottage and Garden in West Walls, late in tenure of Mr. John Pitman
Mr. W. Templeman.. ..	4	10	0	House and Garden in the Bowling Alley or West Walls
Nath. Webb		11	0	Messuage and Garden in Back West Street, late Mrs. Mary Chapple's

RENTAL OF TOWN BURGAGES, ETC., 1796.

"A Survey and Rental of the several Burgages, Tenements and Lands belonging to the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset—11th April, 1796." C. 45.

The following is a list of the Lessees' Names contained in this roll of parchment :—

Christopr. Arden, gent.
James Besant.
Sarah Besant, widow.
Thomas Bryer, clerk.
William Bryer.
Henry Bryer, Gent.
William Channing.
James Chaffey, Gent.
Thomas Cooper, Gent.
Robert Stickland, Gent.
Lady Chapple.
The Earl of Shaftesbury.
James Chafy, Esqr.
Edward Cozens, Gent.
Thomas England.
Thomas Fisher.
Jacob Hitchcock.
Samuel Haydon.
Sarah Pook, widow.
John Hawkins, Surgn.
John Jacob.
Robert Lambert, Esqr.
Robert Loder, Gent.
Robert Stickland, Gent.
Lord Milton.
James Parsons.
Countess of Shaftesbury.
John Pitman, Gent.
Richard Paddock.
Samuel Haydon, & Mary his daughter.
John Pitman, gent.
Henry Mowlam.
Samuel Rickword.
Elizabeth Rickword, widow.
Robert Stickland, Gent.
The Earl of Shaftesbury.
Thomas Standish.
The Earl of Shaftesbury.
Wm. Templeman, Esq.
George Stickland.
Countess of Shaftesbury.
John Tucker, Esq.
Gabriel Steward, Esq.
Morgan Yeatman, Gent.

MISCELLANEA.

John Kychyn's Will.

Copy of will of John Kychyn, of Dorchester, 6 Sept., 1461. To be buried in the cemetery of Holy Trinity Church. To the Cathedral Church of Sarum, vj*d*. To the fabric of Church of Holy Trinity, xij*d*. To the Fraternity of the Holy Trinity in said Church, vj*d*. To Church of St. Peter, vj*d*. To Philip Flores and John Saundr' and their heirs my burgage in Dorchester, on south side of Pyslane, between burgage late of Robert Devenchyre, which the Bailiffs of Dorchester now hold, on the east, and the burgage of John Wotton on the *west* (?) to hold of the King *in capite*. Residue of my goods to said Philip and John, my executors, to dispose of them for my soul and the souls of all the faithful departed. B. 66.

Dennis Bond's and William Derby's Conveyance.

Indenture, 7 April, 1 Eliz. [1559], by which Morgan Hayne, of Dorchester, gent., and Cicely Haine, of Dorchester, widow, for £55, grant to Diones Bond, of Dorchester, gent., and Wm. Derby, of Dorchester, gent., and their heirs, 2½

acres of pasture, late in tenure of Oliver Haine, decd., father of said Morgan Haine, in East Walles, in St. Peter's parish, bounded by the Parson's land on the north, and the Bailiffs' and Burgesses' land on south and east. John Conduit and Thos. Devenish, attorneys, to give seisin.

Two small seals of red wax, with crest and shield of arms. On a fess, three roundles, in chief a greyhound courant.

Witnesses, John White, Robert Cheeke, John Condit, Robte. Loder, Matthew Derby. Seisin delivered 14 April.

Endorsed "Mr. Haine's deede of feoffment to Mr. Dennyes Bond and Mr. Wm. Derby of two closes to them and their heires without any vse declared." B. 66.

Subsidy Acquittance.

"Nono die M^r^cij A'o Regni Elizabeth' regin' ij^do^ [1559-60]. Receyved of Walter Thomas and Nich'as Lymster, Baylyfs of the Borough of Dorchester, in full satysfaccion of the second payment of the Subsedys grannted to the Quenes Ma'tie in the fyrst yere of her reigne: Due by all the enhabytannts of the sayd Borough contrybutory to the same. s. xiiij*li*. xj*s*. per me, George Harde."

Endorsed "An Acquittance of the Bayliffes, 2° Elizabeth." B. 64*c*.

Fine, Adyn v. *Trenchard.*

Fine, Easter Term, 3 Eliz. [1561], between Robert Adyn, plaintiff, and Henry Trenchard, Esq., and Margaret his wife, deforciants, whereby the latter acknowledge that 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 16 acres land, 4 acres meadow, 12 acres pasture, 8 solidates of rent, and the rent of one pound of pepper, and common of pasture of 100 sheep in Frome Vawchurche and Shyllynton, are the right of said Robert. For this acknowledgment, he gave them £40 sterling. (Two copies.) B. 66.

Fine, Cardrow v. *Sampford.*

Fine, Trinity Term, 11 Eliz. [1569], between Wm. Cardrow, plaintiff, and Rd. Sampford and Joane his wife, deforciants, who acknowledge that six acres of land, and ten acres of meadow and seven acres of wood in Mynterne and Hermytage are the right of said William. And for this acknowledgment he gave them £40 sterling. B. 66.

Katheryn Adyn's Purchase.

Indenture, dated 21 March, 9 Eliz. [1567], by which Raffe Corbyn, of Dorchester, sells to Katheryn Adyn, of Dorchester, widowe, and her heirs, for £24, his messuage or burgage in St. Peter's parish, between the burgage of All Saints' church on the north, the burgage of William Facye on the south, the East walls of the Borough on the east, and the Highe Southe Streete on the west. Signed, Rafe Corbyn, in presence of Hughe Smythe, *alias* Hayne, John Bowden, George Robynson.

Seal of red wax with man's head. [Not registered in the Domesday.] B. 65.

Fine, Adyn v. *Corbyn.*

Fine, Easter Term, 9 Eliz. [1567], between Katherine Adyn, widow, plaintiff, and Ralph Corbyn and Leticia, his wife, deforciants, whereby the latter acknowledge that a messuage in Dorchester is the right of said Katherine, for which acknowledgment she gave them £40 sterling. B. 66.

Robert Warren's Charter.

Feoffment by Wm. Baylie to Robert Warren, of Dorchester, and his heirs, of a burgage in eastern part of "Alhallon church lane," on the north of a burgage of Peter Goodfellowe, and on south of burgage now of Wm. Guy, late of Roger White, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty. William Collyns, *alias* Hearne, and John Pillerde to be attorneys to deliver seisin. 1 June, 17 Eliz. [1575]. Witnesses, Lawrence Stratford, John Skotte, Leonard Stones, John Chubbe, Matthew Chubb, "scriptor." B. 66.

Fine, Palmer v. *Robynson.*

Indenture, dated 27 April, 19 Eliz. [1577], declaring that the intent of a fine, levied by Raffe Palmer to George Robynson and his heirs of divers messuages in Dorchester, was that two of them should be to the use of Robynson and his heirs, and the residue to the use of said Palmer and his heirs. B. 64.

George Robynson's Charter.

Feoffment by Ralph Palmer, of Dorchester, to George Robynson, of Dorchester, of vacant land on west side of the George Inn, on the north side of High West Street, on east of

a burgage now in tenure of said George Robynson, and on south of stable of the George Inn. To hold of the chief lords, paying a rent of three pence for all services. Warranty. 20 Aug., 19 Eliz. [1577].

Small seal of red wax, with letters "A K," a heart and knot.

Livery of seisin, 16 Sept. John Pyllard, Richard Amere, Roberte Shepparde. B. 66.

The Charter of the Burgesses.

Feoffment by George Robynson, of Dorchester, gent., to the Burgesses, of the said premises, etc. Thomas Galton and Laurence Graye, his attorneys, to deliver seisin. 3 Oct., 27 Eliz. [1585].

Small seal of red wax, broken.

Sealed and delivered to William Churchill, to the use of the within-named burgesses, William Churchill, John Henning, William Chub, Thomas Chislet, Matthew Chubbe. Possession delivered to Laur. Stratford and John Greene, Bailiffs, 18 April, 1586. B. 66.

Non-appearance at Assizes.

"A Quietus est for Amercyament against townsmen for non appearance at the Assises when Mr. Hennyng was High Sheriffe."

The defaulters were John Adyn, Henry Fort, John Earley, Thomas Bellyer, Laurence Adyn, John Laurence, Thomas Hellier, Leonard Miller, Wm. Clarke, Laurence Adyn, Richard Beale, Robert Coker, John Laurence, John Adyn, Richard Barker, John Lawrence, Leonard Miller, Wm. Clarke, Richard Blechford, Laurence Adyn, Thomas Spilor, Thomas Bowridge, Simon Haslebury, Barnard Calpyn, John Earley, Richard Baker, Wm. Miller, Henry Edwards, Wm. Miller, Thos. Edwards and Henry Edwards, of Dorchester, Jurors, who owe £27 10*s.* forfeited at the Autumn Assizes, 8 Jas. I., 1610. B. 64.

Rate to the King's Shipping.

1636, Nov. 23. At the meeting of Mr. Maior of this Borough and the other Maiors and Bailiffs of other Corporate Townes of this County with the High Shiriff of this County at Blandford concerning the rate to bee set for 5000*li.* for providing a ship and provision and amunicion for his Majesty's service, the Maiors and Bailiffs refused to make any rate,

and therevpon the said Shiriff made the rate following, and set it on the Corporate Townes: C. 9.

	li.
The Towne and County of Poole and members ..	030
The Borough of Dorchester and members	045
The Borough of Wareham and members	025
The Borough of Corffe Castle and members	040
The Borough of Waymouth and Melcombe R's and members	035
The Borough of Lyme Regis	040
The Borough of Bridport	020
The Borough of Blandford	025
The Borough of Shaston (infected with the plauge)	000

1639-40, Jan. 22. "Mr. Maior having yesterday received a warrant from the Sheriff for 60*li.* to raise in the towne for Ship Mony, it was this day read in presence of the Company at Hall to which the Company do advise that noe rate be made on it till Mr. Sheriff be spoken with about it, to know whether he doe stand to that rate of 60*li.*" C. 12.

The Potts broken.

1639, Dec. 6. "The Potts were broken heer by the consent of the Company." C. 12.

Probate of Wills.

1652, Oct. 8. "To remember the buisines of Probatt of wills which was anciently belonging to the Towne, as appeares vpon record vpon Doombsday booke." C. 12.

Spoiling a Horse.

1658, Nov. 19. "Robert Leigh, sheere grinder, hath engaged and promised to pay xx*s.* for Perryes horse which he spoyled going to Bath, vidz. x*s.* at Christmas, and x*s.* at Lady day next." C. 15.

King's Evil.

1660, Oct. 29. "Paid to the wife of Thomas Buckler and to the wife of Robert Lambert, to helpe carry them to London to be cured of the King's Evill x*s.* each." C. 15.

Lease of a Water-course to the Town.

An Indenture of 17 Dec., 12 Charles II. [1660], by which Robert Richards, of Dorchester, merchant, and Judith, his

wife, and John Thorneton, of Dorchester, gent., for £10, lease to the Corporation of Dorchester for 99 years, all that Passage or Carriage for water falling vnto the High South Streete of the said Borough, through the wall of the messuage on the east side of the said Borough, now in the tenure of the said Robert Richards and Judith, his wife, and late the inheritance of Stephen Thorneton, late husband of the said Judith, and father of the said John Thorneton, and from the said wall through a Buttery adioyning to the entry of the said messuage . . . through the wall on the east end of the said Buttery into the Court yeard of the said messuage, and from thence into a certaine backlane on the east side of the said messuage (which said passage was heretofore granted by one William Facie, then owner of the said messuage, unto the Burgesses, by lease dated the last day of Aprill, 43 Eliz. [1601,] for 60 years), at a yearly rent of 4*d*. The Lessees will cause the said passage to be cleansed once a week." B. 30.

Martha Coker's Deed of Sale.

Counterpart of deed of sale, 31 May, 13 Chas. II., [1661], by the Mayor, etc., to Martha Coker, of Dorchester, widow, for £12, of a chamber and loft, adjoining the house wherein she now liveth on the west, and the land of said Mayor, etc., called the Bow on the east, and a "void room from the chamber northward over the Blind house and over the staires that doe leade out of the churchyard of St. Peter's in Dorchester into the street there," 24½ ft. long, and 10 ft. 9 ins. broad at the south end, and 16 ft. at the north end, "together alsoe with a gutter of lead betweene the said chamber and the said house called the Bow," subject to a lease of the premises made to Robert Coker, goldsmith, decd., late husband of said Martha, for 99 years, on lives of Thomas and Robert, children of Robert Coker, decd., son of said Robert Coker, goldsmith, decd. John Gilberd and Wm. Hasselbury, Serjants at Mace, to give possession. The mark of Martha Coker. Witnesses, Joseph Derbie, John Gilbert. B. 35 *a*.

The Balingstock.

1666-7, Jan. 4. "Mr. Major and the Company have lent Israell Sheppard the Balingstock, and [he] is to have 5*li*. lent him of the Good Fridayes mony on Mr. Hardyes security and on others." C. 15.

David Tartarin.

1668, April 15. "This day one David Tartarin tenders his Lysence from his Majestie bareing date the 10th of March last for vending and selling of Remedys and Balsoms and erecting a stage for that purpose, a coppy of which Lysence follows.

Charles R.

Charles the Second, &c. To all Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Baylifs, Constables and other our Loving Subjects whome it may conserne, greeting; Whereas humble suite hath ben made to vs in the behalfe of Dauid Tartarine operator in Physick and Chirurgery, that we would grant him our Royal Lycence and Authority to practice the same, and vend, vtter, and dispose of his Remedys and Balsoms in any the Citties, Townes, Burroughs and other places within this our Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales. We have ben gratiously pleased to condesend vnto the suite soe made in his behalfe and accordingly we doe by these presents giue and grant to him the sayd Dauid Tartarin free and full Lycence and permission to set vp and erect a stage or theater in any the Corporations, Cities, etc., . . . and there to vend, vtter and sell his sayd Remedies and Balsoms without any hinderance or mollestation whatsoever; and we do farther hereby require you to permitt and suffer him with his horses, carriages and servants to travell from place to place, and to expose to sale his sayd Remedies and Balsomes as aforesayd, and to remaine and abide soe longe time in any place where he shall come, as he shall desire, hee and his seruants demeaning themselves sivilly and quietly in such place and places where they shall from time to time vend and vtter the Remedies and Balsomes as aforesayd. Given at our Court at Whitehall the 10th day of March, 1667, in the twentieth yeare of our Raigne. By his Majesties Command. Arlington."

"He is herevpon permitted to erect his stage and vend his Remedys and Balsoms, but forbiden any plays, musicke, or any other exercise which his Lycence dos not mention." C. 15.

Wrackleford Farm.

1669, Apr. 2. "A lease of the Farme of Wrackleford to Doctor Davenant and Mr. George Browne for 99 yeares, determinable on Mr. Audley Greyes life and his brother's lives, was delivered by Doctor Davenant to Mr. Mayor to be

kept in the Towne Chest for the joynt vse of Doctor Davenant and Mr. Thomas Browne, and was accordingly put into the Towne Chest." C. 15.

Inventory at the George.

Power of attorney from the Corporation of Dorchester to William Hasselbury and Henry Daw, Serjeants of the Borough, and Robert Colston and Thomas Cooper of the same, gent., to enter the "George," in St. Peter's Parish, and make an Inventory of the fixtures, 19 August, 1670. Also, the Inventory made, 22 August, 1670. B. 64.

Lease to John Browne, Esq.

Counterpart of lease, dated 23 October, 1674, by which Andrew Loder, Beniamin Gould, William Pitt, Allexander Haviland, Joseph Seward and Hugh Baker, of Dorchester, gentlemen, grant to Thomas Browne, of Frampton, Esq., a plot of ground in Holy Trinity parish, lately pertaining to a tenement in the possession of John Gould, called the Prince's Arms. B. 64.

Alehouses.

1676, May 26. On account of the multitude of Inns and Alehouses within the Borough, it is agreed that no Justice of the Peace within this Borough shall from henceforth graunt any Licence for . . . any new house without the full consent of the Company." C. 15.

John Cardrow's Suit.

1676-7, March 12. £16 to be paid Mr. John Cardrow by the Town, for the composing the differences between him and the Town, as arranged by Daubney Williams, Esq., and Mr. John Symonds. C. 15.

Licence to sell Coffee, Chacolate, Sherbett and Tea.

1679, May 2. Court of General Sessions. "Vppon the Certificate of Robert Freind, gent., one of his Ma'tyes Commissioners of Excise for this County and Borough, that Morris Gauntlett, of Dorchester, cuttler, hath given security for the payment of the duty which may arise and grow due to his Ma'tye by selling or retayleing of coffee, chacolate, sherbett or tea in the house he now lives in in Dorchester aforesaid, this Court pursuant to an Act of Parliament in that case made

and provided doth hereby licence the said Morris Gauntlett to sell or retayle the liquors aforesaid in his said house, soe long as he shall demeane himselfe according to the lawes of the land and answeare the duty to his Ma'tye, and vntill this Court shall take order to the contrary." C. 21.

Lease to George and Edward Lester.

Lease, dated 9 March, 1696, from Josiah Cooper, of Dorchester, tobacconist (in trust as marriage portion of his wife Ann, daughter of George Lester), to said George Lester, and Edward Lester, both of Dorchester, pewterers, for 99 years after the death of the lessor, of a messuage on north side of High West Street, adjoining the Queen's Arms on the east. B. 64.

Poor Rates.

1720, Dec. 24. The Town Steward to pay the costs of Samuel Staning, Mayor, and Thomas Pitman, Justices, incurred in refusing to confirm the Poor Rates of Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, made for the present year, and in making defence to writs of mandamus in this case. C. 7.

Straggling Seamen.

A copy of an Order in Council, 26th Sept., 1787, addressed to Lord Digby, as Custos Rotulorum of the County of Dorset, requiring him to call upon the Justices of the Peace to cause "all straggling Seamen and Seafaring men, who are fit to serve on board His Majesty's Ships, to be taken up and sent by proper persons from place to place vntil they shall be brought to the Clerk of the Cheque of His Majesty's Yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth or Plymouth, or to the Naval Officer at Harwich or Deal, . . . so that they may be put on board such of His Hajesty's Ships or vessels as shall be appointed to receive. . . ."

This is accompanied by a letter from Jno. Wallis, Dorchester, 8 Oct., 1787, by Lord Digby's command, to the Mayor of Dorchester, desiring his active assistance on the occasion. (Sheet of foolscap.) B. 59.

Carriage of Goods.

Rates of Carriage of Goods settled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Sherborne in and for the County of Dorset on Tuesday in the first week after the Clause of Easter, to wit the 14th day of April, 1795.

For every hundredweight of goods brought from London and Westminster to the Towns of Cranborne, Wimborne Minster, Blandford and Shaston, in the said County of Dorset, the sum of five shillings and sixpence for every hundredweight, and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity than one hundredweight from each of those places to the Cities of London and Westminster.

To Cerne Abbas, Dorchester and Sherborne the sum of six shillings. To Bridport, Broadwinsor and Charmouth the sum of seven shillings.

The above Rate and Assessment transmitted to the Mayor of this Borough by Mr. William Burnet, Clerk of the Peace of the said County of Dorset, 25th May, 1795. C. 42*a*.

Dorchester Acts of Parliament.

An Act for better cleansing, lighting and watching the streets, lanes and other public passages within the Borough of Dorchester, in the County of Dorset, and in the Tithing of Colliton-Row, in the Town of Dorchester aforesaid; for paving the footways, and repairing certain horseways of such parts thereof as are turnpike; and for paving the footways and repairing the horseways of such parts thereof as are not turnpike; for removing nuisances, annoyances and obstructions therein, and for preventing houses or buildings hereafter to be erected in the said Borough and Tithing, from being thatched. 16 George III., Chap. 27 [1775-6].

An Act for better paving, cleansing, lighting, watching, watering and otherwise improving the streets and other public passages and places within the Borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset, and the Tithing of Colliton-Row, in the Town of Dorchester aforesaid. 4 William IV., Chap. 16 [1833-4].

ADDENDA.

Seaton Parsonage.

1630, Dec. 13. "It is agreed on that whereas 100*li*. is borowed of Mr. Bateman towards the buying in of Seaton Parsonage that Mr. Bailiff Bond and Mr. Bailiff Savage shall become bownd for it and that Beniamyn Devenish shall pay it out of the Brewhouse when it shall become payable."

"It is agreed that this yeare there shall be 100*li*. taken out of the profitts of Seaton Parsonage towards the mayntenance of the ministers in Dorchester, viz., to bee this yeare

distributed to the minister of All Saints' Fifty pounds, and to Mr. White for his assistant in Trinity and Peter's, Fifty pounds, and the first quarterly payment to begin at Chrismas next." C. 8.

Mr. Stanley Gower.

1649, July 6. "This day there was an order made that Mr. Tho. Pook and Mr. Constable Gould be desired to collect the quarterly rate of Peter's parish, for Mr. Gower's better mayntenance which was subscribed by Mr. Mayor and the Company there present." C. 12.

1649, Nov. 5. "It was this day agreed that out of Fordington Parsonage monny Mr. Savage should pay vnto Mr. St. G. the some of 30*li.* to disengage him of such debts as he contracted for his removal." C. 12.

1648-9, Feb. 8. "It is desired that Mr. Bayliffe Maber and Mr. Rich: Bury may go about to the most able and willingest of the inhabitants of Peter's parish to gett two quarters' pay, after the proportion that they were wont to pay vnto Mr. White, which shall be presented to Mr. Gower with what else shall be gathered in Trinity parish for making vp of 20*li.* towards the charge of his coming downe and the fetching downe of his wife and family." C. 12.

1648-9, March 2. "Memorand', that is to be considered at our next meeting which way to giue Mr. Ben the some of xx*li.* for his extra° paynes bestowed in the midle parish, and as a testimony of our respects to him for his special love and paynes shewed to the Towne." C. 12.

1648-9, March 12. "It was agreed by this Company that the xx*li.* before mentioned shall be given to Mr. Ben, and that Mr. Savage be desired to pay it to him now at our Lady day, as an acknowledgement of our thankfulnes for his preaching in Peter's parish, and that x*li.* be presented to Mris. Gower by Mr. Savage out of the proffitts of Fordington parsonage, to testifie their respects and to beare her charge downe." C. 12.

Trinity Free School.

1637, Aug. 18. Whereas Christopher Gould hath delivered unto Mr. Maior and the Company a noate of the charges in new building a room adjoining to the schoole in the Trinity parish and in repairing the schoole coming to 5*li.* 4*s.* 11*d.* Now it is agreed that he bestowed a great deale more than he had any order for, this Company will not consent to allow him

the whole charges, but 40*s.* only, which is ordered to be paid out of the profitts of Mrs. Gould's* money given to the said schoole which is now in the Brewhouse. J. Hill, Maior, H. Maber, W. Whiteway, J. Allenbrig, Will. Derbie, W. Joliff, R. Burie, E. Dashwood. C. 9.

1639-40, Jan. 10. Agreed that the schoole in the Trinity parish be speedily repaired. There is money set apart for it in the Brewhouse account. C. 12.

1639-40, Feb. 21. Trinity Schoole. It is ordered that nine shillings and nine pence be paid to Christopher Gould by the Steward of the Hospitall out of the profitt of Mrs. Gould's guift in the Brewhouse of the last year, for soe much money by him laid out in reparation of the house. C. 12.

1640, Sept. It is agreed that £2 5. 0. laid out by Christopher Gould for repairing Trinity Schoole and the stable used therewith shall be repaid to him out of the profitt of Mrs. Gould's money given to that schoole, it being the last year deposited in Benjamin Devenish's hands for that sake. It is now agreed by Mr. Maior and the Company that the agreement made by Mr. Joliff and Mr. Maber shall stand with John Bushrode, and pay him xx*s.* for the tyme past, to resume the parts of the garden which Christopher Gould lately had, and Christopher Gould to hold and enjoy that parte of the stable and the passage from the garden to the office for ten years at xx*s.* rent. John Bushrode may have his passage through the churchyard from his house to the garden, and that xx*s.* be paid quarterly, and that John Bushrode shall pay the town rent for tyme to come, and the rent in arrere being 1*li.* 12*s.* at midsummer last be paid to the Stewards out of the profit of Mrs. Gould's money in the Brewhouse given to the Trinity School. C. 12.

1648, Oct. 27. Ordered that Christopher Gould be paid ix*li.* xviis. vi*d.* out of the proffits of Mrs. Gould's money now in Brewhouse. C. 12.

* *Extract from Joan Gould's will, P.C.C.* 1630. *Scroope, fol.* 109.—"My "will and meaning is that my Cousin Gilbert Loder and Alice his wife, or one "of them, their assigns, or assignees, shall and will within two years next "after my death, pay or cause to be paid unto the said Mayor, Bailiffs, "Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester aforesaid for the tyme "being the sum of twenty eight pounds, six shillings and eight pence, to be "by them used and employed for the benefit of the new School lately erected "in the parish of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, and for the maintenance of a "schoolmaster there in such manner as the Mayor, Bailiffs and Aldermen and "Burgesses of the Borough shall think most fit and convenient."

1649-50. Mr. George Cole the Town Steward is desired to oversee and provid for the repairing of the decayed walls about the Schoole garden at Trinity Church and lay out the money for carriage of stones and workmen's wages. C. 12.

1650, Oct. 4. Mr. Christopher Gould bringing in account of his disbursments for the year, for the mending of the School he lives in, and likewise what rate he drew on for such rates on his account, he now brought in there remains due to him ten pounds and upwards. Therefore it is ordered that the money is to be paid, but not before the passing of the accounts of the Hospital, and that after that time Mr. Gould is to be allowed according as the Company shall think fit. C. 12.

1657. May 7. Yet it was the order of Mr. John Hill* before his decease that James the sonne of Christopher Gould of Dorchester (being a poore schollar in Oxford) is to have the first rents and profitts of the land bought with the £100, which accordingly have been paid him by the Town Steward, until he commences Batchellor unto Midsummer in the year 1661 as by his account appeared.

To succeed him there is chosen by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses, James Goold, son of Margery Goold, widow, who is to receive the profitts of the said land from Midsummer, 1661. See *ante*, pp. 578, 580. C. 9.

Election of Aldermen.

1630, Oct. 2. Bernard Toup, *v.* Mr. John Gould. C. 9.
1636, Nov. 1. Denis Bond, *v.* Bernard Toup, decd. C. 9.
1650, Oct. 14. Richard Savage, *v.* Mr. Wm. Derby, decd. C. 12.
1652, Oct. 29. Richard Bury. C. 12.
1660-1, Feb. 8. James Gould, sen., *v.* Denis Bond, decd., and to take his place as the eldest Alderman in the town. C. 15.

* *Extract from John Hill's will, P.C.C.* 1658. *Wootton, fol.* 4.—"To the "Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses of the Town of Dorchester, Dorset.

"Within two years after my decease to my said executors, the yearly "rents and profits of land to maintain a poor schollar who shall be born of "honest parents, inhabitants of the said town of Dorchester, and shall be "educated and brought up in the Free School there, and sent and promoted to "one of the Universities of this nation, from the time such poor schollar first "entered or admitted into such University until he shall become Bachelor of "Arts. And any such poor schollar shall become Bachelor of Arts or depart "this life, which ever shall first happen, then for and towards the like main-"tenance of any other like poor schollar of like birth and education."

1667, Dec. 13. Richard Churchill. C. 15.
1667, Dec. 13. Robert Napper. C. 15.
1667, Dec. 13. Arthur Gould. C. 15.
1667, Dec. 13. Joseph Seward. C. 15.
1672-3, Jan. 22. William Pitt (sworn). C. 15.
1672-3, Jan. 22. Gilbert Whiffen (sworn). C. 15.
1693, Sept. 11. John Nelson, *v.* Hugh Baker, decd. C. 7.
1697, Nov. 29. Max. Gollop, *v.* Alex. Haviland, decd. C. 7.
1707, Sept. 26. Daniel Arden, *v.* Andrew Loder, decd. C. 7.
1707, Sept. 26. Thos. Delacourt, *v.* Jas. Gould, decd. C. 7.
1708, Oct. 15. Tho. Seward, *v.* Thos. Delacourt. C. 7.
1715, Sept. 23. Robert Weare, *v.* John Nelson, decd. C. 7.
1719, Oct. 5. Richard Samways, *v.* Max. Gollop, decd. C. 7.
1725, Dec. 3. Andrew Purchase, *v.* Dan. Arden, decd. C. 7.
1725, Dec. 3. John Cooper, *v.* John Oldis, decd. C. 7.
1726-7, Feb. 6. Zachary Nelson, gent., *v.* Richard Samwayes, decd. C. 7.
1727, Oct. 2. Samuel Stanning, gent., *v.* Robert Weare, decd. C. 7.

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1630, Oct. 2. William Perkins, *v.* Mr. John Gould. C. 9.
1631, Apl. 12. John Long, *v.* Wm. Perkins, decd. C. 9.
1632-3, Jan. Richard Bury, *v.* John Long, decd. C. 9.
1635, Sept. 18. Henry Maber, *v.* Wm. Whiteway, jun., decd. C. 9.
1635, Dec. 26. John Allombrig, *v.* Bernard Toup, decd. C. 9.
1636, May 4. Edward Dashwood, *v.* Sir Fras. Ashley, decd. C. 9.
1639, Sept. 4. John Bushrode, *v.* John Blachford, who has resided in France for three years past. C. 9.
1640-1, Jan. 22. John Seward, *v.* Wm. Whiteway, decd. C. 9.
1640-1, Jan. 22. John Whiteway, *v.* John Parkins, decd. C. 9.
1642-3, Feb. 8. Agreed to choose a C.B., *v.* Mr. Edmund Dashwood, decd. C. 12.
1651, Oct. 3. Mr. John Brag, *v.* Mr. Wm. Derbie. C. 12.
1652, Aug. 16. Mr. Thos. Symonds, grocer, *v.* Richard Blachford, decd. C. 12.
1652, Aug. 16. Mr. Wm. Patie, clothier, *v.* Mr. John Brag. C. 12.
1654, Aug. 18. Wm. Patie resigns. C. 12.

1654, Aug. 23. Philip Stansby, *v.* Mr. James Gould, removed. C. 12.
1654, Aug. 23. Mr. John Daniel, *v.* Mr. Wm. Paty, "his brother," resigned. C. 12.
1654, Aug. 24. Philip Stansby, *v.* Jas. Gould, removed. C. 9.
1654, Aug. 24. John Daniel, *v.* Wm. Paty, his brother, who resigned last week. C. 9.
1655-6, Feb. 15. George Cole resigns. C. 12.
1657, Apl. 13. George Cole re-elected. C. 15.
1657-8, Jan. 18. Fredk. Losse, *v.* Gilbert Loder. C. 15.
1657-8, Jan. 18. Laurence Righton, *v.* John Hill. C. 15.
1658-9, Jan. 7. Fredk. Losse, re-elected, it being thought that he had not been duly elected on the last occasion. C. 15.
1660-1, Feb. 8. James Gould, sen. C. 15.
1660-1, Feb. 8. Wm. Twisse, *v.* Wm. Jolliffe, decd. C. 15.
1660-1, Feb. 8. Joseph Seward, *v.* Geo. Cole, decd. (Refused to be sworn, but was sworn eventually 1 Oct., 1662.)
1662, Apl. 14. Wm. Pitt, *v.* Gilbert Loder, decd. Sworn 1 Oct., 1662. C. 15.
1662, Apl. 14. Joseph Whittle, *v.* Richard Bury, decd. Sworn 1 Oct., 1662. C. 15.
1662, Oct. 1. Richard Churchill, sworn. C. 15.
1662, Oct. 1. Robert Napper, sworn. C. 15.
1662, Oct. 1. Arthur Gould, sworn. C. 15.
1662, Oct. 1. William Wade, sworn. C. 15.
1662, Oct. 1. Alex. Haviland, sworn. C. 15.
1663, July 15. Gilbert Whiffin. Refused the oath; fined £15. Sworn 30 Sept., 1664. C. 15.
1663, July 15. Thomas Seward. C. 15.
1664, Sept. 1. Hugh Baker. C. 15.
1666, Oct. 5. Thomas Hall. C. 15.
1668, May 8. Benjamin Gould. C. 15.
1668, Sept. 4. Samuel Bond, Esq., sworn. C, 15.
1668, Sept. 4. Andrew Loder, gent., sworn. C. 15.
1668, Oct. 5. Jasper Samwayes, sworn. Formerly elected. C. 15.
1669, Oct. 1. John Craddocke. C. 15.
1673, Sept. 26. John Symonds. Refused the oath; fined £50. C. 15.
1673, Oct. 3. John Daniel. C. 15.
1674, July 20. William Twisse. C. 15.

1674, July 20. John Symonds. Refused the oath; fined £100. C. 15.
1674, July 20. Edward Jones. C. 15.
1675-6, Feb. 27. James Gould, Esq., son and heir of James Gould, Esq., decd., *vice patris*. C. 15.
1676, Sept. 29. Richard Atkins, *v.* Thos. Hall, resigned. C. 15.
1693-4, Jan. 19. John Yeate, *v.* John Symonds, decd. C. 7.
1693-4, Jan. 19. George Gould, *v.* Hugh Baker. C. 7.
1693-4, Mch. 5. Andrew Purchas. C. 7.
1694, Oct. 8. Robert Weare, *v.* Richard Churchill, removed. C. 7
1694, Oct. 22. Henry Wiffen, *v.* Hugh Baker, decd. C. 7.
1694, Oct. 22. John Hodder, *v.* Thos. Blandford, removed. C. 7.
1696, Dec. 23. Richard Samwayes, *v.* George Lester. C. 7.
1697, Nov. 29. Thos. Sheppard, *v.* Alex. Haviland, decd. C. 7.
1698, Dec. 12. John Haviland, *v.* Alex. Haviland, decd. C. 7.
1699, Oct. 2. Joseph Seward, *v.* John Hodder, removed. C. 7.
1701, Sept. 22. George Lester, *v.* John Hodder, removed. C. 7.
1707, Sept. 26. Andrew Purchas, *v.* John Haviland, decd. C. 7.
1707, Sept. 26. Robert Colson, *v.* Andrew Loder, decd. C. 7.
1708, May 17. Robt. Swayne, *v.* Jas. Gould, decd. C. 7.
1710, Aug. 3. Thos. Knapton, *v.* Geo. Lister, decd. C. 7.
1710, Aug. 3. Josiah Cooper, *v.* John Yeat, decd. C. 7.
1710, Aug. 3. Robert Loder, *v.* Thos. Delacourt, decd. C. 7.
1711, Oct. 27. Robert Colson. C. 7.
1714, July 31. Walter Crow, *v.* Henry Whiffen, decd. C. 7.
1714, July 31. George Lester, *v.* Robt. Swayne, Esq., decd. C. 7.
1714, Dec. 13. John Kellaway, *v.* Henry Whiffen, decd. C. 7.
1715, Sept. 23. Zachary Nelson, *v.* Robt. Swayne, Esq., decd. C. 7.
1718, May 12. Thos. Pitman, *v.* Robt. Loder, decd. C. 7.
1718, May 12. Nich. Weare, *v.* John Nelson, decd. C. 7.
1719, Nov. 6. Samuel Snooke, *v.* John Nelson, decd. C. 7.

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1726, May	13.	Laurence Snooke, *v.* John Oldis, decd. C. 7.
1726, May	13.	Reynaldo Knapton, malster, *v.* Thos. Knapton, his father, decd. C. 7.
1729, Jan.	6.	Richard Cooper, *v.* Robt. Weare, decd. C. 7.
1729, Jan.	6.	Robert Gundry, *v.* Josiah Cooper, decd. C. 7.

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John Jurdan, called Steward in the document numbered 393 in the "Domesday" in 1425, is probably a High Steward, and should therefore be added to the list on page 442.

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